# COMPILATION OF ABSTRACTS AND SELECTED SUMMARIES OF LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly

FROM: Karen Garrett and Anastasia P. Campbell, Directors

SUBJECT: Compilation of Abstracts and Selected Summaries of 2022 Legislation

Attached for your information and use are abstracts of the 2022 Public Chapters. This abstract document is available on the Legislative Intranet under "Legal Services" "Documents and Reports" "Abstracts" "2022" and on the General Assembly's website under "Legislation" "Publications."

Please keep in mind that the abstracts and summaries included herein are an overview of the legislation passed during the 2022 legislative session. These abstracts and summaries are not meant as a substitute for reading the actual text of the public chapters.

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### ABSTRACTS OF PUBLIC CHAPTERS PASSED BY THE 112<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2022

- Redistricting, Legislative As enacted, establishes state senate districts. Amends TCA Section 3-1-102. (SB780/HB1037) [See Appendix "A"]
- Redistricting, Congressional As enacted, establishes the state's congressional districts. Amends TCA Section 2-16-103. (SB781/HB1034) [See Appendix "A"]
- Redistricting, Legislative As enacted, establishes state house of representatives districts. Amends TCA Section 3-1-103. (HB1035/SB779) [See Appendix "A"]
- 599 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the applied behavior analyst licensing committee of the board of examiners in psychology to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 3. (SB1693/HB1774)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the archaeological advisory council to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 11, Chapter 6. (SB1694/HB1775)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of athletic trainers to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 24. (SB1695/HB1776)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of dietitian/nutritionist examiners to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 25. (SB1696/HB1777)
- **603** Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of respiratory care to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 27. (SB1699/HB1780)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the council for licensing hearing instrument specialists to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 17. (SB1702/HB1783)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the council of certified professional midwifery to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 29. (SB1703/HB1784)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the council on children's mental health care to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 37, Chapter 3, Part 1. (SB1704/HB1785)
- **607** Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of revenue to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB1708/HB1789)
- **608** Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of tourist development to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB1709/HB1790)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of veterans services to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB1710/HB1791)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Great Smoky Mountains Park commission to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 11, Chapter 19. (SB1712/HB1793)

- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state board of cosmetology and barber examiners to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 62, Chapter 3 and Title 62, Chapter 4. (SB1722/HB1803)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state family support council to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 33, Chapter 5, Part 2. (SB1723/HB1804)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the statewide planning and policy council for the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 33, Chapter 5, Part 6. (SB1725/HB1806)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee advisory committee for acupuncture to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 10. (SB1727/HB1808)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee arts commission to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 20, Part 1 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB1728/HB1809)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee massage licensure board to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 18. (SB1736/HB1817)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee rare disease advisory council to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 7. (SB1738/HB1819)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee rehabilitative initiative in correction board to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 41, Chapter 22, Part 4. (SB1739/HB1820)
- 619 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the water and wastewater operators, board of certification to June 30, 2028. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 9. (SB1744/HB1825)
- **620** Statutes and Codification As enacted, codifies the Acts of the 2021 regular and extraordinary sessions. (SB1754/HB1707)
- 621 Election Laws As enacted, prohibits a county election commission from utilizing instant runoff voting or ranked choice voting to conduct an election in this state for a statewide or local government office. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB1820/HB1868)
- Hearing and Hearing Aids As enacted, adds cerumen management in the course of examining ears by certain persons in the definition of the practice of dispensing and fitting hearing instruments; imposes certain requirements in regard to cerumen management. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 17. (HB920/SB665)
- 523 State Symbols As enacted, names "I'll Leave My Heart in Tennessee" by Dailey and Vincent, written by Karen Staley, as an official state song. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3. (HB1731/SB1759)
- Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates the month of October annually as "Economic Education Month." Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (HB1844/SB1847)
- 625 Education As enacted, extends eligibility for the work-based learning student grant program to include students enrolled in a middle college program. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 9. (HB211/SB520)

- Election Laws As enacted, revises provisions of the Tennessee Freedom of Speech Act regarding the placement of certain political or campaign signs on private property. Amends TCA Section 2-7-143. (HB411/SB515)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of agriculture to June 30, 2026; requires the department to report back to the commerce, labor, transportation and agriculture joint evaluation committee by December 31, 2022, to update the committee on its progress in addressing the findings set forth in the August 2021 performance audit report. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB1705/HB1786)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the domestic violence state coordinating council to June 30, 2030.
   Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 38, Chapter 12. (SB1711/HB1792)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Interstate Compact on Mental Health to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 33, Chapter 9. (SB171/HB1795)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 37, Chapter 4, Part 2. (SB1715/HB1796)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact of 2007 to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 56, Chapter 58. (SB1716/HB1797)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the local government planning advisory committee to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 7; Title 6, Chapter 58; Title 11; Title 13, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 5. (SB1717/HB1798)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the pest control advisory board to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 62, Chapter 21. (SB1718/HB1799)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the school bond authority to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 12. (SB1720/HB1801)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 202, Part 7. (SB1721/HB1802)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tellico Reservoir development agency to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 7. (SB1726/HB1807)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee center for earthquake research and information to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 6. (SB1729/HB1810)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee equine health advisory commission to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 43, Chapter 13. (SB1731/HB1812)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee life and health insurance guaranty association to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 56, Chapter 12. (SB1735/HB1816)
- **640** Environment and Conservation, Department of As enacted, authorizes the commissioner to

commission environmental investigative enforcement officers; specifies circumstances under which park rangers and other law enforcement officers within the department may operate outside parks and other specific areas. - Amends TCA Section 11-1-101; Section 11-3-107; Section 59-8-404 and Section 59-8-308. (SB1741/HB1822)

- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee sports hall of fame to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 54. (SB1742/HB1823)
- Disabled Persons As enacted, replaces the phrase "deaf and dumb" with "deaf or hard of hearing" wherever it may appear in Tennessee Code Annotated. Amends TCA Title 66, Chapter 23. (SB1752/HB1670)
- Bail, Bail Bonds As enacted, requires a court to revoke bail immediately, notwithstanding sentencing hearings, motions for a new trial, or related post-guilt determination hearings, for a defendant who is convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 11, Part 1. (SB1793/HB1766)
- 644 Employees, Employers As enacted, requires certain employers with a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy to grant exemptions based on medical reason or religious reason; makes other related changes. Amends TCA Title 14. (SB1823/HB1867)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, designates the stadium for the Nashville Soccer Club as a sports authority facility for purposes of consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Amends TCA Section 57-4-102. (SB1824/HB1685)
- 646 Local Government, General As enacted, authorizes the estate of a deputy jailer of a local government who is killed in the line of duty to receive an annuity in the amount of \$250,000, paid over five years in \$50,000 installments. Amends TCA Section 7-51-210. (HB549/SB278)
- Health Care As enacted, clarifies that an ambulance service that holds a valid and unencumbered license to operate in at least one county is not required to maintain a separate license or establish a base of operations in a county for which the ambulance service is not licensed in order to provide a secondary mental health transport to, from, or through that county. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33 and Title 68. (SB2289/HB2348)
- University of Tennessee As enacted, establishes the University of Tennessee Southern as a new campus of the University of Tennessee in Giles County. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 9. (SB1980/HB2019)
- 649 Child Abuse As enacted, permits each child protective team to include one appropriately credentialed medical provider as a member of the team. Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 6. (SB1984/HB2046)
- 650 Census As enacted, removes an obsolete reference in the provision regarding the use of census information to create the population figures contained in Tennessee Code Annotated; adds reference to 2020 census publication information. Amends TCA Section 1-3-116. (SB2082/HB2682)
- Banks and Financial Institutions As enacted, enacts the "LIBOR Discontinuance and Replacement Act." Amends TCA Title 47. (SB2133/HB2110)

- **652** State Symbols As enacted, names "My Tennessee Mountain Home" by Dolly Parton as an official state song. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3. (SB2148/HB2285)
- Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates the month of September as "Brain Aneurysm Month." Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (SB2177/HB2296)
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation As enacted, requires the Tennessee bureau of investigation to remove from the drug offender registry the name and other identifying information of persons upon receipt of notice of the death of such person; requires bureau officials to verify the person's death, by checking the social security death index, obtaining a copy of the offender's certificate of death, or obtaining court documentation, a law enforcement report, or any other credible documentation as determined by the bureau. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. (SB2339/HB1963)
- State Employees As enacted, replaces "list of eligibles" with "pool of candidates" for purposes of filling positions in state service; revises various procedures regarding proceedings against state employees. Amends TCA Section 8-30-103; Title 8, Chapter 30, Part 3 and Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 3. (SB2422/HB2172)
- 656 County Government As enacted, requires a member of a county legislative body to declare a conflict of interest with respect to a proposed county budget, appropriation resolution, or tax rate resolution prior to casting the member's vote. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 5 and Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1. (HB1684/SB2049)
- Otilities, Utility Districts As enacted, changes compliance requirements for existing training and education requirements of municipal utility board members, utility district commissioners, and the local municipalities and utility districts that they serve; adds reporting requirements for entities regarding certain water for resale contracts; changes certain water loss requirements; transfers certain compliance oversight to the Tennessee public utility commission. Amends TCA Section 7-34-115; Section 7-82-307; Section 7-82-308; Section 7-82-314; Section 7-82-401; Section 7-82-702; Section 7-82-705; Section 7-82-709; Section 68-221-1010; Section 68-221-1012; Section 68-221-1016; Section 68-221-1206; Section 68-221-1006 and Section 68-221-1009. (HB1727/SB1757)
- Taxes, Agricultural and Open Spaces As enacted, clarifies that the minimum size requirement of 15 acres for land to be eligible to be classified as forest land for purposes of assessment and reduced property taxes may be achieved with a single tract or with two noncontiguous tracts separated only by a road, body of water, or public or private easement. Amends TCA Section 67-5-1004. (HB1858/SB1688)
- Mortgages As enacted, requires the sponsoring mortgage lender or mortgage loan broker to ensure that each application for a residential mortgage loan contains the unique identifier, instead of the license number, of the applicable mortgage lender, mortgage loan broker, and mortgage loan originator. Amends TCA Title 45, Chapter 13. (HB1668/SB1922)
- 660 Education, State Board of As enacted, authorizes the board to reject or make technical nonsubstantive revisions to, instead of only adopt, the standards recommended to the board for adoption by the standards recommendation committees. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. (HB1676/SB1775)

- Gaming As enacted, increases from \$50,000 to \$75,000 the amount of gross revenue earned at a nonprofit charitable gaming event necessary to require the nonprofit entity hosting the event to file with the secretary of state an audited financial statement prepared by an independent certified public accountant or an independent public accountant. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17. (HB1680/SB2051)
- 662 Comptroller, State As enacted, removes the requirement that certain information be filed with the comptroller of the treasury pursuant to the Access Tennessee Act of 2006. Amends TCA Section 56-7-2903. (HB1705/SB1687)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, specifies that certain modification of an outstanding obligation is a refunding of the modified obligation for purposes of compliance with the Local Government Public Obligations Act of 1986; revises the publication requirements for the report issued by the comptroller of the treasury regarding a bond or note issuance by an authority under the Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority and the Regional Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority Acts. Amends TCA Section 9-21-1001; Section 68-221-611 and Section 68-221-1311. (HB1728/SB1755)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, requires a health insurance entity, a health services provider, or a healthcare facility to notify a patient of communication among the entity, a health services provider, and a healthcare facility concerning the patient's medical claim; requires a utilization review agent to notify the provider or healthcare facility, as well as the enrollee, when additional information is needed for a prior authorization request. Amends TCA Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB1195/SB1248)
- Probate Law As enacted, enacts the "Small Estate Affidavit Limited Letter of Authority Act," which is a rewrite of "The Small Estates Act". Amends TCA Section 8-21-401; Section 30-4-103; Section 30-4-104 and Section 30-4-101. (HB1362/SB888)
- Local Government, General As enacted, authorizes governmental entities to regulate entertainment transportation services. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 10. (HB1392/SB825)
- 667 County Officers As enacted, adds the East Tennessee Constables Association to the list of entities that are eligible to provide in-service education courses and firearms training for constables. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 10. (HB1693/SB2794)
- Judges and Chancellors As enacted, authorizes a judicial candidate to personally solicit and accept campaign contributions. Amends TCA Title 2 and Title 17. (HB1708/SB2010)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, enacts the "State Lending Transparency Act." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 67. (HB1845/SB1692)
- 670 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires that the compensation of county school board members be included in the school district budget submitted to the county legislative body, rather than being fixed by the county legislative body; prohibits reducing a county school board member's compensation from the prior year; limits the amount of compensation paid to a county school board member to be no more than the compensation fixed for members of the county legislative body. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1848/SB2003)
- 671 Child Custody and Support As enacted, adds as a factor to be considered by the court when

- determining the best interest of a child, in a proceeding requiring the court to make a custody determination regarding a minor child, whether a parent has failed to pay court-ordered child support for a period of three years or more. Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37. (HB1866/SB1806)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, authorizes a municipality to waive, compromise, remit, prorate, apportion, or release property taxes, penalty, interest, or court costs when the municipality purchases land at a delinquent tax sale for municipal taxes. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 25 and Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 28. (HB1955/SB1907)
- 673 Lottery, Charitable As enacted, authorizes qualified nonprofit organizations to file an application to operate an annual event in the July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17. (HB2240/SB2307)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, establishes a procedure for requesting medical information covered by HIPAA from a self-funded plan of insurance; authorizes a local government entity to opt out of the requirements upon passage of a resolution by a simple majority vote of the entity's governing body. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 27. (HB2414/SB2165)
- Business and Commerce As enacted, authorizes the sale or purchase of previously titled antique or unique motor vehicles without a motor vehicle dealer license through auction formats that meet certain criteria. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 17 and Title 62, Chapter 19. (HB2587/SB2645)
- 676 Employees, Employers As enacted, authorizes a political subdivision, or an instrumentality of a political subdivision with at least 1,000 employees, to implement, adopt, or administer an automatic deferred or tax-sheltered compensation plan for employees. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 50. (HB456/SB1473)
- Expunction As enacted, permits a person to have the person's criminal records expunged if the person has been convicted of one or more criminal offenses other than the offense for which the person is seeking expunction; clarifies that a person is only eligible for expunction of criminal records once; requires that the person not have been convicted of a criminal offense that is ineligible for expunction, including federal offenses and offenses in other states, that occurred prior to the offense for which the person is seeking expunction. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 32. (HB1679/SB1781)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, requires a local board of education to state in its written notice to a teacher who is dismissed or whose contract is not reelected by the board that the only reason for the teacher's dismissal or non-reelection is a loss of funding for the position, if that is the reason for the teacher's dismissal or non-reelection. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5. (HB1687/SB2100)
- 679 Law Enforcement As enacted, allows a retired law enforcement officer, who is authorized to carry a firearm within this state to the same extent as authorized for an active law enforcement officer, to direct or regulate traffic if the chief law enforcement officer in the jurisdiction where the retired officer will be directing or regulating traffic has been notified at least 24 hours in advance, or as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. Amends TCA Title 38 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (HB1697/SB2054)
- 680 Safety As enacted, exempts an autoclave that sterilizes reusable medical or dental equipment used by an entity or individual licensed under title 63 or title 68 from applicable clearance requirements if the autoclave is installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations; authorizes the

- board of boiler rules to waive or exempt a requirement regarding inspections for an autoclave, pursuant to the exemption. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68, Chapter 122. (HB1904/SB1909)
- Liens As enacted, specifies that, in addition to deeds of trust, deeds recorded prior to state liens for taxes or fees are superior to the state lien. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 1. (HB1906/SB1854)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, names the statute delineating rights of an educator as the "Educator's Bill of Rights." Amends TCA Section 49-5-209. (HB1935/SB2099)
- Taxes, Business As enacted, requires, under the Business Tax Act, the department of revenue to make available to every person that files a return under the Act a certificate indicating whether the person reported the tax due for a location at the wholesaler rate or retailer rate. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 7. (HB1937/SB1874)
- Public Health As enacted, increases the number of EMT/AEMT training centers operated by ambulance services that may be operated from 15 to 30; authorizes EMT/AEMT training centers to provide online or virtual didactic instruction to the same extent such instruction may be provided by accredited EMS education institutions; makes other related changes; urges ambulance services operating EMT/AEMT training centers and the Tennessee board of regents to develop partnerships as practicable to increase the capacity of this state to prepare EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics. Amends TCA Title 68. (HB1956/SB1908)
- Vital Records As enacted, authorizes a medical examiner or attending or pronouncing physician in a hospital to file a death certificate; removes authority for a person acting as a funeral director who first assumes custody of the dead body to file a death certificate; removes requirement for an attending physician or medical examiner to give notice for delay in completing medical certification for the cause of death to a person acting as a funeral director. Amends TCA Title 68. (HB2054/SB2048)
- Education As enacted, revises and eliminates various reporting requirements; revises and eliminates various provisions requiring the commissioner of education or the department of education to approve of, consent to, receive notice of, or otherwise oversee certain local education operations; removes the requirement that in-service training include instruction on components of the Juvenile Offender Act for certain teachers and principals. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 10; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 7; Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1; Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 5; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 8; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 10; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 11; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 17; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 20; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 34; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 41; Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 45 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60. (HB2166/SB2416)
- Fees As enacted, removes the fees for an initial inspection test and report of new or altered installations of elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, moving walks, and aerial tramways; changes, from \$300 annually to \$300, the maximum fee that may be charged for the issuance of construction permits or for acceptance or follow-up inspections for new or altered elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, moving walks, and aerial tramways. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 121. (HB2175/SB2425)
- 688 Labor and Workforce Development, Dept. of As enacted, removes youth apprenticeships from being considered apprenticeships for purposes of the Tennessee Registered Apprenticeship Program

- Act. Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 11. (HB2176/SB2426)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, authorizes a manufacturer of alcoholic beverages to enter into an alternating proprietorship agreement with one or more manufacturers for the purpose of alternating the use of a bonded or general premises between the manufacturers for the purpose of manufacturing alcoholic beverages, including high alcohol content beer. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 3. (HB2238/SB2197)
- 690 Public Funds and Financing As enacted, revises certain operations of the Tennessee interagency cash flow committee. Amends TCA Section 9-4-610. (HB2340/SB2089)
- Registers of Deeds As enacted, removes requirement that the official seal of a county register emboss on paper. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 13. (HB2370/SB2136)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, clarifies that an assistant principal license is included for purposes of issuing licenses based on reciprocal agreements with other states and to military spouses who are licensed in other states. Amends TCA Section 49-5-108. (HB2449/SB2475)
- Human Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires the commissioner to include in the annual block grant report information detailing the department's access to the use of federal TANF funds. Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1. (SB132/HB136)
- Law Enforcement As enacted, requires each law enforcement officer specifically assigned to the traffic division of a local law enforcement agency or its equivalent, or for whom a county sheriff or chief of police deems it necessary, to undergo training on the proper testing procedures for use in investigating cases of suspected driving under the influence. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4. (SB399/HB328)
- Medical Occupations As enacted, authorizes, for the purposes of providing services in a school setting pursuant to a child's individualized education program (IEP), certain licensed healthcare providers licensed to refer or order services within their scope of practice as part of a child's IEP. Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 63. (SB503/HB753)
- 696 Corporations, Not for Profit As enacted, holds the directors, trustees, or members of the governing body of a 501(c)(19) nonprofit corporation, association, or organization immune from suit arising from the conduct of the affairs of the corporation, association, or organization as long as the conduct at issue does not constitute willful, wanton, or gross negligence. Amends TCA Title 48. (SB1660/HB1724)
- **697** Divorce, Annulment and Alimony As enacted, authorizes a court to allow mediation between parties in a divorce proceeding to occur by video conference when appropriate. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 4. (SB1661/HB1666)
- 698 Equalization Board As enacted, authorizes the executive secretary of the state board of equalization to manage appeals before the board; authorizes the board, the executive secretary, or the executive secretary's designee to determine if a property no longer qualifies for a property tax exemption or to modify the tax-exempt status of a property; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Section 4-3-5105 and Title 67, Chapter 5. (SB1677/HB1729)
- 699 Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, creates a common carrier license to be issued by the alcoholic

beverage commission to a person, firm, or corporation that transports goods for a fee and maintains a regularly established schedule of service within this state to transport wine from a winery direct shipper licensee or a fulfillment house licensee to residents of this state. - Amends TCA Title 57. (SB1686/HB1688)

- County Government As enacted, defines "direct interest" and "indirect interest" for purposes of conflicts of interests for certain county officers; requires an indirect interest to be disclosed by the county officers; changes the penalty for a violation from a Class D felony offense to forfeiture of certain compensation and removal from office. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 14. (SB1758/HB1704)
- 701 Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, revises the description of Lakeland Golf Course for purposes of consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Amends TCA Section 57-4-102. (SB1768/HB1657)
- 702 Students As enacted, includes students who fulfill the requirements of the Tennessee work ethic distinction program to receive recognition as a Tennessee Tri-Star scholar. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60. (SB1776/HB1840)
- 703 Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, makes changes to the definition of "travel insurance" and related terms; requires a travel insurer to pay premium taxes on travel insurance premiums paid by certain policyholders; makes other changes related to travel insurance. Amends TCA Title 56. (SB1868/HB1925)
- Corporations, Not for Profit As enacted, authorizes the members and proxyholders of nonprofit corporations to meet remotely under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 48, Chapter 57. (SB1931/HB2047)
- Cemeteries As enacted, specifies that a trustee for an improvement care trust fund may establish a separate trust for each individual cemetery or cemetery company, or a master trust for multiple cemetery companies; specifies that a trustee for pre-need cemetery contracts may establish a separate trust fund for each contract, a single trust fund for all contracts written by an individual cemetery, or a single trust fund for all contracts written by multiple cemetery companies; makes other changes related to the establishment and management of an improvement care trust fund or a trust fund for a pre-need cemetery contract. Amends TCA Title 35, Chapter 14 and Title 46, Chapter 1, Part 2. (SB1934/HB2352)
- 706 Public Utilities As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Natural Gas Innovation Act." Amends TCA Title 7 and Title 65. (SB1959/HB2315) [See Appendix "B"]
- 707 Students As enacted, specifies that a discipline policy or code of conduct adopted by a local board of education or charter school governing body may authorize a teacher to withhold a student's phone from the student for the duration of the instructional time if the student's phone is a distraction to the class or student. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB1995/HB2028)
- Public Records As enacted, requires that proprietary information submitted by commercial operators to the department of environment and conservation regarding the operators' commercial or financial information be treated as confidential and not be open for inspection by members of the public; effective until July 1, 2027. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5. (SB2117/HB2125)

- 509 Students As enacted, broadens the category of nonresident employees, from only teachers to all LEA employees, whose children may attend a school within the LEA that employs the child's parent, including out of state employees of an LEA whose children attend the LEA, and who may be exempt from a tuition requirement, pursuant to board policy. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2314/HB2086)
- 710 Traffic Safety As enacted, establishes a procedure for a person convicted of a speeding offense to remove up to five points charged to the person's driving record upon the person completing an approved defensive driving course. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB2367/HB2251)
- 711 Children's Services, Dept. of As enacted, specifies that the average caseloads of case managers must be calculated at least monthly. Amends TCA Section 37-5-132. (SB2413/HB2163)
- P12 Building Commission, State As enacted, increases the monetary threshold for purposes of defining "major maintenance" with respect to the repair or renovation of state buildings and structures; increases the monetary threshold of state lease agreements for purposes of having such lease agreements approved by the attorney general and reporter and the state building commission. Amends TCA Section 4-15-107 and Section 12-2-115. (SB2419/HB2169)
- General Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires that the transfer of surplus personal property of this state to a local government satisfy certain requirements. Amends TCA Section 12-2-420. (SB2420/HB2170)
- 714 Taxes, Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, removes the requirement that every distiller, rectifier, vintner, and importer selling distilled spirits or wines to licensed wholesalers in this state send a duplicate invoice to the commissioner of revenue whenever the alcoholic beverages are originally invoiced to the wholesaler. Amends TCA Section 57-6-201. (SB2432/HB2182)
- 715 Workers Compensation As enacted, increases the number of terms a judge of the workers' compensation appeals board may be appointed to serve; changes the conditions to appeal the board's decision on whether to certify a compensation order of the court; makes other related clerical changes. Amends TCA Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 2. (SB2437/HB2187)
- Municipal Government As enacted, deletes requirements for biennial audits of municipal governments in favor of annual audits supervised by the comptroller of the treasury. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 3; Title 6, Chapter 56 and Section 16-18-310. (SB2553/HB2393)
- 717 Comptroller, State As enacted, requires the comptroller to annually review and report on the implementation of the Tennessee Literacy Success Act and submit the report to the education committees of the house of representatives and senate and the state board of education and publish the report on the comptroller's website. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 9. (SB2664/HB1879)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, requires that a person convicted of first degree murder for the killing of another in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of aggravated rape, rape, rape of a child, and aggravated rape of a child be sentenced to death or life in prison without parole. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2683/HB2269)
- Public Contracts As enacted, requires contracts procured by local governments and similar entities for services provided by an insurance producer to be procured on the basis of competence and integrity rather than by competitive bidding. Amends TCA Section 12-3-1209. (SB2881/HB2385)

- Local Government, General As enacted, prohibits local governments dismissing, disciplining, fining, or penalizing a first responder employed by a local government, or denying employment to a person applying to be a first responder, based on where the first responder or applicant resides; exempts Hamilton County from prohibition. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8, Chapter 50; Title 8, Chapter 8; Title 38, Chapter 8; Title 68, Chapter 140 and Title 68, Chapter 102. (SB29/HB105)
- Public Records As enacted, requires a records custodian to cite the state law prohibiting disclosure of a public record if the denial of the public records request is based on state law; clarifies the forms of identification a governmental entity may request as evidence of residency in this state from a person seeking public records. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5. (SB1682/HB1854)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of examiners for nursing home administrators to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 16. (SB1697/HB1778)
- 723 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the board of parole to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 40, Chapter 28, Part 1. (SB1698/HB1779)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of education to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB1706/HB1787)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the housing development agency, board of directors to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 13, Chapter 23, Part 1. (SB1713/HB1794)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the polysomnography professional standards committee to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 31. (SB1719/HB1800)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee film, entertainment and music commission to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 50. (SB1732/HB1813)
- 728 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee higher education commission to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 2. (SB1734/HB1815)
- 729 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee medical laboratory board to June 30, 2027. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 29. (SB1737/HB1818)
- 730 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee residence commission to June 30, 2030. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 23, Part 2 and Title 4, Chapter 29. (SB1740/HB1821)
- 731 Sunset Laws As enacted, terminates the West Fork Drakes Creek dam and reservoir interstate authority with no wind down period. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 9. (SB1745/HB1826)
- Tay Enforcement As enacted, authorizes a representative of the agency of government in which a peace officer served at the time of the officer's death to receive the Three Stars of Tennessee Award on the officer's behalf, provided there are no other surviving next of kin to receive the award; authorizes the commissioner of safety, in collaboration with the homeland security council, to promulgate rules regarding the selection and administration of the award. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 5. (SB1751/HB1734)

- Purchasing and Procurement As enacted, requires chief procurement officer to establish and maintain a central database of information regarding grant recipients and sub-recipients for monitoring purposes; requires state agencies to update information in the database; requires chief procurement officer to adopt rules regarding the grant management process. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 56. (SB1756/HB1673)
- 734 Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, increases, from 30 days to 60 days, the initial period of time a temporary plate issued by a dealer is valid for a motor vehicle; increases the fee for such plate from \$5.50 to \$6.50. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. (SB1996/HB2044)
- 735 Sentencing As enacted, authorizes a member of the clergy who has been preparing a condemned person for death, rather than a priest or minister of the gospel, to witness the person's execution. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2008/HB1691)
- Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, designates a segment of Tazewell Pike in Knox County as the "SSG Ryan C. Knauss Memorial Highway." Amends TCA Title 54. (SB2038/HB1921)
- Page 737 Boards and Commissions As enacted, authorizes the executive director of the Tennessee higher education commission to appoint a designee to serve in the executive director's stead on the state board of education; authorizes the executive director of the state board of education to appoint a designee to serve in the executive director's stead on the Tennessee higher education commission. Amends TCA Section 49-1-301; Section 49-1-305 and Section 49-7-204. (SB2120/HB1875)
- 738 Building Commission, State As enacted, authorizes commission to require a second appraisal prior to the disposal of certain government property. Amends TCA Section 12-2-112 and Section 49-8-111. (SB2180/HB2547)
- Physicians and Surgeons As enacted, designates as exempt from the requirements of state law on physician self-referrals any conduct or activity that does not violate, or that is protected by, federal law or rule on physician self-referral. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6. (SB2218/HB2447)
- Public Records As enacted, exempts records generated as a result of a Handle With Care Program notification, which is an alert provided to a school system regarding a child's potential exposure to an adverse childhood experience, from the open records requirement through July 1, 2027. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7. (SB2268/HB2089)
- 741 Municipal Government As enacted, authorizes the board of mayor and alderman of a municipality incorporated under a mayor-aldermanic charter and having a population of 60,000 or more to adopt an ordinance to establish term limits, to become operative only if approved in a referendum. Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 3. (SB2324/HB2536)
- 742 Workers Compensation As enacted, extends the deadline, from the last day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year to the last day of the ninth month, for an employer to file an annual certified financial statement with the department of commerce and insurance for purposes of showing the employer's ability to pay all workers compensation claims that may arise against the employer. Amends TCA Section 50-6-405. (SB2353/HB2463)
- 743 Taxes, Excise As enacted, specifies that, for excise tax purposes, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, Section 174 of the Internal Revenue Code, concerning the deduction for research and experimental expenditures, must be applied as it was in effect immediately before the

enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. - Amends TCA Section 67-4-2006. (SB2397/HB2144)

- Professions and Occupations As enacted, requires persons working with certain electrical equipment to meet certain requirements; makes that electrical equipment subject to inspection by a state-certified electrical inspector; prohibits liability against certain electric systems arising from those persons working with that electrical equipment; requires that copies of the national standards be available for public viewing. Amends TCA Section 68-101-104. (SB407/HB2154) [See Appendix "C"]
- Tourist Development, Dept. of As enacted, authorizes the commissioner to develop and implement activities, grants, and programs that foster the continued growth of tourism in this state; designates the department as the department responsible for the implementation and administration of all tourism marketing and promotion, tourism partner services, and tourism economic development projects; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Section 4-3-2206. (SB2436/HB2186)
- 746 Solid Waste Disposal As enacted, specifies that counties may use revenues from tire pre-disposal fee for disposal of waste tires, subject to certain present law requirements concerning shredding and cost of disposing of waste tires in landfills. Amends TCA Title 67 and Title 68. (SB2450/HB2607)
- 747 Medical Occupations As enacted, clarifies that an international medical school graduate applying to practice medicine must provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a three-year post-graduate training program instead of providing evidence of satisfactory completion of a three-year residency program Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2. (SB2485/HB2510)
- 748 Education As enacted, enacts the "Save Tennessee Students Act," which requires LEAs that issue new student identification cards for students in grades 6-12 to include on the identification cards certain information regarding suicide prevention resources; requires an LEA to publish the telephone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the social media handle, telephone number, or text number for at least one additional crisis resource selected by the LEA in a conspicuous place in each school of the LEA that serves students in grades 6-12 or any combination thereof. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 19 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 51. (SB2510/HB2062)
- Opioids As enacted, authorizes a healthcare prescriber to prescribe an opioid antagonist for purposes related to the potential for drug-related overdose, not just opioid-related overdose; permits certain government and non-governmental entities to prescribe and store an opioid antagonist for the purpose of providing the antagonist to a person at-risk of overdose or likely to assist a person experiencing overdose; makes various other changes regarding prescribing and usage of opioid antagonists. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 1 and Title 68. (SB2572/HB2465) [See Appendix "D"]
- 750 Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates November 8 as "Historically Black Colleges and Universities Day." Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (SB2749/HB2720)
- 751 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the department of human services to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3. (SB1707/HB1788)
- 752 Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee student assistance corporation, board of directors to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 2. (SB1743/HB1824)
- 753 Real Estate Agents and Brokers As enacted, removes the requirement that a distance education

course using computer-based or online materials or formats be certified by certain certifying bodies in order to be approved by the Tennessee real estate commission as qualifying continuing education if the course is a synchronous course. - Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 13. (SB1867/HB1958)

- 754 Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, enacts the "Hannah Eimers Memorial Tennessee Roadside Safety Hardware Act," which states the intent that the state department of transportation keep abreast of the United States secretary of transportation's implementation of federally required third-party verification of full-scale crash testing results from crash test labs, including a method for formally verifying the testing outcomes and providing for an independent pass/fail determination, and adopting such results to the greatest extent feasible under state law. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 54 and Title 55. (SB1671/HB1663)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the state university and community college system, board of regents to June 30, 2026; extends video streaming and archiving requirements to meetings of the board's standing committees, in addition to meetings of the board. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 2. (SB1724/HB1805)
- Public Health As enacted, removes references to conditions of participation from Medicare and Medicaid in the title definitions of "governmental entity" and "private business" that apply to certain statutes related to addressing COVID-19. Amends TCA Title 14. (SB1789/HB2858)
- 757 Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, changes the process by which the utility management review board may address financially distressed utility districts by merger or consolidation; creates a fund administered by the board to provide grants to utility districts that have merged or consolidated to mitigate the financial impact of the merger or consolidation. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 7. (SB1812/HB1713)
- Psychologists As enacted, authorizes a licensed assistant behavior analyst (LBA) to administer behavioral scales that are within the scope of the practice of applied behavior analysis. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 11. (SB1927/HB1917)
- Homestead Exemptions As enacted, increases the amount that must be held as homestead from the sale of real estate that is so situated that homestead cannot be set apart from \$5,000 to \$35,000.

   Amends TCA Title 26, Chapter 2, Part 3 and Title 30, Chapter 2, Part 2. (SB2015/HB2063)
- 760 Education As enacted, extends the authorization for state colleges and universities under the board of regents or a state university board to contract with a board of education to provide for the teaching of the children of public school age in the training school to allow such a contract with any county or city board of education instead of only the local board in the county or city in which the institution is located. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2017/HB2088)
- 761 Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, requires that the design of disabled license plates incorporate the color scheme, base design, and details used on the standard registration and license plate, to be effectuated upon the existing inventory of the registration and license plates being utilized. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 21 and Title 55, Chapter 4. (SB2301/HB2318)
- Divorce, Annulment and Alimony As enacted, clarifies that the court must allocate responsibility for payment of marital debt in actions for divorce or legal separation; defines "marital debt" and "separate debt"; adds factors for the court to consider in determining the allocation of responsibility for payment of marital debt; clarifies alimony in solido may be awarded for attorney fees and

- expenses incurred in connection with the proceedings. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 4 and Title 36, Chapter 5. (SB2385/HB
- **763** Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, authorizes rather than requires the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee to provide water and wastewater services to customers located on the megasite property. Amends TCA Title 64, Chapter 9, Part 1. (2403/HB2150)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, excludes narcotic testing equipment used to determine whether a controlled substance contains a synthetic opioid from the definition of "drug paraphernalia"; exclusion does not apply if the equipment is possessed for purposes of a person's commission of a drug-related offense; exclusion repealed July 1, 2025. Amends TCA Section 39-17-402. (SB2427/HB2177) [See Appendix "D"]
- Agriculture As enacted, clarifies that "vacant public land" for purposes of the Tennessee Community Gardening Act includes property controlled by a parks and recreation department or similar entity that is not currently being used as park land. Amends TCA Title 43, Chapter 24. (SB2515/HB2653)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, extends the statutory provision regulating reimbursements for healthcare services provided during a telehealth encounter beyond April 1, 2022; tolls, for the duration of any state of emergency, the 16-month period that a provider can offer telemedicine services to the patient without having an in-person encounter, if the healthcare services provider or the patient, or both, are located in the geographical area covered by the applicable state of emergency; permits a healthcare provider to provide medical services through telehealth if the service is not otherwise outside the provider's license. Amends TCA Title 56 and Section 63-1-155. (HB2655/SB2453)
- Child Custody and Support As enacted, enacts "Noah's Law," which allows a custodial parent, under certain circumstances, to seek an emergency court order declaring a child to be in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death and ordering the noncustodial parent to return the child to the custodial parent immediately. Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 37 and Section 39-13-306. (SB2182/HB2354)
- Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates April 7 as "Alexander Disease Day." Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (HB1857/SB2224)
- Health Care As enacted, prohibits healthcare entities from taking certain actions in regard to transplants, such as refusing to place an individual on an organ waiting list, solely on the basis of whether an individual has received or will receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB568/HB702)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission to June 30, 2026. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 70. (SB1733/HB1814)
- 771 Codes As enacted, specifies that a statewide building construction standard or another standard or requirement adopted by a local government shall not prohibit or limit the use of equipment with refrigerants, if the equipment contains a refrigerant listed in accordance with safety standards imposed by federal law or rule and is installed in accordance with the use conditions imposed by federal law or rule. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 120. (SB1801/HB1876)
- 772 Motor Vehicles As enacted, authorizes the City of Clarksville to allow golf carts on certain public

roads, if the roads are closed to motor vehicle traffic, within the boundaries of a certain retail and entertainment district upon the adoption of an ordinance by a two-thirds vote. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (SB1928/HB1965)

- Secretary of State As enacted, removes requirement that certain statements submitted by nonprofit organizations when filing annual event applications, charitable solicitations applications, and athlete agent applications with the secretary of state be sworn under penalty of perjury; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17, Part 1; Title 48, Chapter 101, Part 5 and Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 21. (SB1935/HB1995)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, allows the massage licensure board to issue a temporary license to certain persons from other states or U.S. territories; establishes requirements for persons granted such a temporary license. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 18. (SB1943/HB2005)
- Public Contracts As enacted, prohibits a public entity from entering into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel; provides exemptions for contracts with a total value of less than \$250,000 and contractors with fewer than 10 employees. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 9 and Title 12. (SB1993/HB2050) [See Appendix "E"]
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, deletes references to insurance related to the former council on pensions and insurance. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 9 and Title 8, Chapter 27. (SB1991/HB1961)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, limits the liability of a person or entity that contracts with the department of children's services to provide foster care services to children in the department's custody in the same manner that the department's liability is limited from civil actions or claims filed by the children and families who are the intended or actual recipients of those services; specifies that a claim against the contractor arising from the contractor's provision of foster care continuum services to children in the department's custody must be filed with a court of competent jurisdiction and will not be heard by the claims commission. Amends TCA Title 9; Title 29 and Title 37. (SB2016/HB1847)
- Motor Vehicles As enacted, expands the list of state highways upon which ATVs and off-highway vehicles may be operated. Amends TCA Section 55-8-185. (SB2083/HB2041)
- Purchasing and Procurement As enacted, requires that materials related to competitive sealed bid proposals be open for public inspection after the intent to award the contract is announced; authorizes local governments to require interviews, presentations, or demonstrations for purposes of clarifying or understanding the bid proposal; prohibits disclosure of information from such interviews, presentations, or demonstrations to another respondent during negotiations for the contract. Amends TCA Section 12-3-1207. (SB2106/HB2551)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, allows the retirement system to procure goods and services for a pension administration system that may replace the system currently in existence, subject to appropriation made in the general appropriations act. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34, Part 3. (SB2152/HB2273)
- 781 Child Abuse As enacted, requires LEAs and public charter schools to submit the contact information of the LEA's or public charter school's child abuse coordinator and alternative child abuse coordinator

to the department of children's services at the beginning of each school year; authorizes a person to report directly to the department and law enforcement when alleged child abuse involves someone who is affiliated with the school. - Amends TCA Section 49-6-1601. (SB2239/HB2582)

- 782 Education As enacted, allows the use of results from TCAP tests administered in the 2020-2021 school year in the TVAAS and to set the annual measurable objectives for schools and LEAs for the 2021-2022 school year; allows the use of annual measurable objectives using the results of those TCAP tests to assign letter grades to schools. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2321/HB2138)
- Auctions and Auctioneers As enacted, excludes auctioneers licensed in this state from the definition of "marketplace facilitator" for purposes of sales and use taxes. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 1. (SB2325/HB2267)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, prohibits a health benefit plan from denying payment or coverage for emergency services if the symptoms presented by an enrollee of a health benefit plan and recorded by the attending provider indicate that an emergency medical condition could exist, regardless of the final diagnosis of the symptoms. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23. (SB2386/HB2855)
- Children's Services, Dept. of As enacted, outlines a relative caregiver program for foster care; authorizes the department to implement an extension of the foster care program to provide services to youth transitioning from state custody to adulthood. Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 2 and Title 37, Chapter 5. (SB2398/HB2145)
- Public Health As enacted, revises provisions governing county health departments. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6. (SB2409/HB2156)
- 787 Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) As enacted, requires TEMA to determine the number of emergency services coordinators necessary for each department and agency; requires emergency services coordinators to attend training; makes other various changes related to emergency services coordinators. Amends TCA Section 58-2-108. (SB2429/HB2179)
- Financial Responsibility Law As enacted, deletes provision that prevents a person from entering into a future payment plan if the person defaults on an installment payment plan for the payment of reinstatement or restoration fees for a license or registration that is suspended or revoked; takes effect on earlier of date that the department of safety's "A-List" driver license program is capable of implementing this act or July 1, 2022. Amends TCA Section 55-12-129. (SB2435/HB2185)
- Public Utility Commission As enacted, authorizes the commission to, upon petition, designate a provider or reseller of domestic public cellular radio telephone service as an eligible telecommunications carrier pursuant to federal regulations for purposes of providing Lifeline service.

   Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 65. (SB2443/HB2632)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, provides that an owner, tenant, or lessee is not liable for injuries to a person that occur when the person is on the land of the owner, tenant, or lessee without paying to the owner, tenant, or lessee a valuable consideration for use of the land for the purpose of entering or exiting from or using a public greenway, unless the injuries were caused by the gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct of the owner, tenant, or lessee. Amends TCA Title 7; Title 28; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66 and Title 69. (SB2468/HB2596)

- 791 Education, Higher As enacted, authorizes the governing board for each public institution of higher education to classify a veteran or military-affiliated individual as a Tennessee resident for tuition purposes if the veteran or military-affiliated individual is enrolled in the institution and resides outside of this state. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 13. (SB2486/HB2710)
- 792 Traffic Safety As enacted, increases, from a maximum of \$50 to the amount of \$200, the fine imposed for a first violation of the requirement to stop upon approaching a school bus that is based solely on evidence from a camera that is installed on the school bus. Amends TCA Section 55-8-151. (SB2512/HB2550)
- 53 State Government As enacted, requires the office of diversity business enterprises to publish an annual report on its website listing each state department's aspirational goals and achievements for businesses owned by minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and service-disabled veterans, as well as other small businesses. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 12, Chapter 4. (SB2516/HB2694)
- Tennessee Higher Education Commission As enacted, removes the geographic or programmatic considerations when THEC adopts a dual admissions policy in which a person who satisfies the admissions requirements of a two-year institution governed by the board of regents and a public university while pursuing a degree program within a transfer pathway program of study is authorized to be admitted to both such institutions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49, Chapter 8. (SB2531/HB2115)
- For a serving any combination of pre-kindergarten through grade six. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB2563/HB1890)
- Historical Sites and Preservation As enacted, authorizes the chief executive of a city or county, with the approval of the local legislative body, to fill a vacancy on a historic zoning commission until the expiration of the vacated member's term and to remove a member from the commission. Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 7, Part 4. (SB2704/HB2725)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, authorizes a member of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system to purchase, instead of obtain, retirement credit for all of the member's previous service rendered while a full-time employee and participating member of a political subdivision's defined benefit retirement plan; authorizes the member to use funds from any source to purchase such retirement credit; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37. (SB2812/HB2450)
- Forests and Forest Products As enacted, requires the wildlife resources agency, when conducting sales of timber harvested from agency property, to comply with all processes followed by the department of agriculture, division of forestry for those sales. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11, Chapter 4 and Title 70. (SB2859/HB2768)
- 799 Telecommunications As enacted, revises provisions under the Competitive Wireless Broadband Investment, Deployment, and Safety Act. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 12; Title 13; Title 65; Title 66 and Title 67. (HB170/SB149)
- **800** Bail, Bail Bonds As enacted, changes a professional bondsman's capacity with regard to collateral pledged as cash or an item readily converted to cash from 10 times to 15 times. Amends TCA Title

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- **801** Motor Vehicles As enacted, requires, at the time of hire, if an entity employs drivers or contracts with drivers who use the drivers' personal vehicles for the delivery of the entity's goods or services and the entity does not provide automobile insurance coverage to those drivers, the entity to inform the driver that the drivers' automobile insurance may not cover commercial uses. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 12 and Title 56. (HB685/SB670)
- 802 Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) As enacted, prohibits the state, a political subdivision, or a public official from prohibiting or imposing additional restrictions on the lawful operations of a church or religious organization during a state of emergency, major disaster, or natural disaster; restricts a county health officer from issuing an order closing or limiting the operations of a church or religious organization for purposes of worship services. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 8; Title 58 and Title 68. (HB1137/SB1197)
- 803 Consumer Protection As enacted, requires a business that allows someone to sign up for a service or subscription online to provide the option to cancel the service or subscription online without additional steps; creates certain exceptions. Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 18. (HB1652/SB2279)
- Controlled Substances As enacted, expands the definition of drug paraphernalia to include pill press devices and pieces of a pill press device, unless the pill press device or piece is used by a person or entity that lawfully possesses drug products in the course of legitimate business activities, including a pharmacy or pharmacist licensed by the board of pharmacy; a wholesale drug distributor, or its agents, licensed by the board of pharmacy; and a manufacturer of drug products, or its agents, licensed by the board of pharmacy. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4 and Title 63. (HB1763/SB1802)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, specifies that a registered charitable organization providing food, housing, or shelter from adverse weather to the community is not liable for any loss, damages, injury, or death that results from providing such services unless the charitable organization's conduct constitutes gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Amends TCA Title 20; Title 29, Chapter 34 and Title 48. (HB1765/SB1844)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, exempts from the general requirement that a person must be licensed in order to sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance in this state a medicare product marketing representative, unless licensing as an insurance producer is required under applicable centers for medicare and medicaid services (CMS) regulations. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 6, Part 1. (HB1772/SB1855)
- 807 Health Care As enacted, includes as provider-based telemedicine, which health insurance entities must cover, HIPAA-compliant audio-only conversation for the provision of healthcare services (in addition to behavioral health services as covered under existing law) when the use of HIPAA-compliant real-time, interactive video, video telecommunications, or electronic technology, or store-and-forward telemedicine services are unavailable. Amends TCA Title 56. (HB1843/SB1846)
- Real Property As enacted, provides that if a person who already possesses a private easement or right-of-way of less than 25 feet granted determines that additional land is needed for the purpose of extending utility lines to the enclosed land, then the person must file a new petition requesting additional land; enacts other related requirements in regard to such a petition. Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 16 and Title 54, Chapter 14. (HB1884/SB1798)

- Election Laws As enacted, requires that a candidate for county legislative body, constable, trustee, register, assessor of property, school board, or chief administrative officer of the highway department be a qualified voter of the county and a resident of the county for one year; requires that a candidate for clerk of a general sessions, circuit, criminal, or other special court be a qualified voter of the county and resident of the county for one year prior to the date of the qualifying deadline for running as a candidate for the office. Amends TCA Section 5-5-102; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 18; Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 2; Title 54, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 1, Part 5. (HB1970/SB1952)
- Tobacco, Tobacco Products As enacted, defines "smokeless nicotine product"; adds smokeless nicotine products to type of products that are age-restricted to persons aged 21 years and older under the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco, Smoking Hemp, and Vapor Products Act; specifies that nicotine replacement therapy products as defined and approved by the federal food and drug administration are not smokeless nicotine products. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 15. (HB2058/SB2035) [See Appendix "F"]
- 811 Cooperatives As enacted, authorizes a rural electric and community services cooperative to allow directors or cooperative members to participate in cooperative meetings by means of virtual or remote communication if certain conditions are met. Amends TCA Title 65. (HB2126/SB2138)
- Pharmacy, Pharmacists As enacted, permits a pharmacy technician to perform tasks delegated by the pharmacist, including participation in drug, dietary supplement and device selection, storage, distribution and administration, if the delegated tasks are consistent with the pharmacy technician's education, training, and experience. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68. (HB2131/SB2446)
- 813 Motor Vehicles As enacted, revises lighting requirements for motor vehicles and trailers transporting intrastate certain loads of logs or long pulpwood or certain loads of poles or posts. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 9. (HB2208/SB2196)
- Insurance Companies, Agents, Brokers, Policies As enacted, limits the time a prior misdemeanor or Class E felony may be considered for purposes of issuing an insurance producer license to within 10 years of the date upon which an individual applies for an insurance producer license; specifies, in regard to a prior Class E felony from more than 10 years before not being considered, that the provision will apply if the individual was charged but not convicted of the offense. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 6, Part 1. (HB2225/SB2228)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, specifies the conditions under which an employee of a licensed mortgage lender, mortgage loan broker, or mortgage loan servicer may perform licensable activities at an unlicensed or unregistered remote location. Amends TCA Title 45, Chapter 13, Part 2. (HB2304/SB2526)
- 816 Beer As enacted, revises provisions governing the authority for certain manufacturers of beer to self-distribute the manufacturer's beer. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 5. (HB2349/SB2269)
- Landlord and Tenant As enacted, requires a tenant to execute a bond, post a cash deposit or irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution, or provide personal sureties with security in the amount of one-year's rent in all instances in which the defendant appeals a judgment rendered in favor of the landlord instead of only applying when the landlord's action was brought due to the tenant's failure to pay rent. Amends TCA Title 29 and Title 66. (HB2443/SB1994)

- 818 Education, Higher As enacted, prohibits a public institution of higher education from taking certain actions with regard to divisive concepts and the ideologies or political viewpoints of students and employees; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7. (HB2670/SB2290)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, makes emergency communications personnel eligible for early service retirement when the employing entity has elected to offer this benefit; requires the employing entity to be responsible for 100 percent of any increased cost necessary to provide this benefit to the emergency communications personnel. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 36. (HB2683/SB2871)
- 820 Safety, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department, in consultation with local law enforcement agencies, to produce informational material on how to interact with law enforcement when a person is being pulled over. Amends TCA Title 55. (HB2771/SB2787)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, authorizes, from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2025, retirees who have been retired for at least 60 days from TCRS or from a superseded system administered by the state, or from a local retirement fund, to accept re-employment as a kindergarten through twelfth grade teacher, substitute teacher, or school bus driver without loss or suspension of retirement benefits if certain conditions are met. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8. (HB2783/SB2702)
- **822** Public Funds and Financing As enacted, authorizes capital outlay notes to be refunded with public building authority loans, subject to review by the comptroller; makes other revisions to provisions governing bonds and notes issued by local governments. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 21 and Section 12-10-116. (HB1864/SB1875)
- State Employees As enacted, prohibits a state agency from requiring a baccalaureate degree as a condition of state employment unless the knowledge, skills, or abilities required for the position can only reasonably be obtained through a course of study culminating in a baccalaureate degree. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 49 and Title 50. (HB1916/SB1765)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, specifies the powers that the state funding board may exercise with respect to the local government investment pool, including establishing limits, restrictions, or conditions on the acceptance of moneys into and the withdrawal of moneys from the fund and other various powers; makes other related revisions to the administration of the local government investment pool. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4. (HB2130/SB2122)
- **825** Controlled Substances As enacted, makes various changes to the controlled substance monitoring database. Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3. (HB2171/SB2421)
- Liens As enacted, revises various provisions related to garagekeeper or towing firm liens. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 47; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 65 and Title 66. (HB2245/SB2886)
- Medical Occupations As enacted, authorizes, until June 30, 2025, an emergency medical service employee who has been retired for at least 60 days from TCRS from a superseded system administered by the state, or from a local retirement fund to accept employment as an emergency medical services employee without loss or suspension of retirement benefits if certain conditions met. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 8 and Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3. (HB2275/SB2876)

- 828 Domestic Violence As enacted, adds to the provisions governing bail that following the arrest of a person for the offense of aggravated assault under circumstances in which the alleged victim of the offense is a domestic abuse victim, that the court or magistrate must make certain findings and, based on the findings, may extend the 12-hour hold period up to 24 hours after the time of arrest; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 36; Title 39 and Title 40. (HB1459/SB1546)
- Education, Higher As enacted, requires the Tennessee higher education commission to submit a report to the governor and speakers of the senate and house of representatives by December 31, 2023, on issues of food insecurity among students at public institutions of higher education in this state and that identifies and describes the efforts of the institutions to address food insecurity among students. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 49, Chapter 50; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8; Title 49, Chapter 9; Title 53 and Title 71. (HB1669/SB1825)
- 830 County Government As enacted, authorizes a county legislative body to provide notice of regular and special meetings on the social media platform of the county, in addition to other notification methods. Amends TCA Title 5 and Title 8, Chapter 44. (HB1677/SB1774)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, authorizes a retired TCRS member to cancel the member's designated beneficiary for any reason one time, and to name a new beneficiary. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37. (HB1722/SB2005)
- 832 Employees, Employers As enacted, lowers the threshold for private employers having to verify work authorization status of new hires through E-Verify from those with 50 or more employees to those with 35 or more employees; requires the office of employment verification assistance to offer, at no charge, E-Verify sign ups and work authorization status checks for employers with less than 35 employees; protects employers acting upon false results generated by E-Verify; prohibits certain wrongful or retaliatory discharge or discrimination actions; prohibits certain rehires. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 12; Title 39; Title 50 and Title 67. (HB1853/SB1780)
- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) As enacted, removes requirement that an administrative judge or hearing officer make a motion prior to deciding a procedural question of law; removes similar requirement for such persons to direct parties or attorneys for parties to appear for a conference to consider matters relating to a contested case hearing; removes obsolete language regarding the manner in which parties may participate in hearings remotely and revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 3. (HB1997/SB1936)
- Taxes, Privilege As enacted, clarifies that a deed is treated as a quitclaim deed for transfer tax purposes if the deed only conveys the grantor's interest to the grantee, and that a deed containing language evidencing an intent to convey the property itself or warranties of title is taxed as a transfer of a freehold estate; specifies that the recordation tax provisions do not affect the validity of the underlying transfer or conveyance. Amends TCA Title 66, Chapter 5, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 4. (HB2196/SB2086)
- 835 Real Property As enacted, allows for notice of cancellation of a time-share contract being made by email. Amends TCA Title 66. (HB2288/SB2132)
- 836 Education, Higher As enacted, requires Tennessee State University (TSU) to annually submit a report to the governor and the general assembly, detailing the progress of improvements to TSU's facilities and infrastructure and how the improvements address the needs identified in the Tennessee higher

- education commission's evaluation on facilities and infrastructure needs for TSU on September 1, 2021. Amends TCA Title 9 and Title 49. (HB2293/SB2216)
- Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, replaces the executive board of the Greater Nashville regional council with a board of directors; rewrites reporting and auditing requirements to coincide with other development districts; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 64, Chapter 7, Part 1. (HB2508/SB2308)
- Education As enacted, specifies that an adult high school may provide virtual instruction in accordance with the Virtual Public Schools Act; requires an adult high school that provides virtual instruction to satisfy the instructional time requirements established for adult high schools by the state board of education. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2553/SB2441)
- Interstate Compacts As enacted, enacts the "Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact" and the "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact." Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 63. (HB2561/SB1848)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, removes the requirement that the credentials held by a person to practice as a central service technician must have been administered by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management or the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc.; allows an individual the option to obtain a certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential instead of a certified registered central service technician credential. Amends TCA Section 68-11-239. (HB2857/SB2205)
- 841 Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, clarifies that all employees working directly with students of an LEA or public charter school must complete an annual child abuse training program identified by the department of education or that meets the guidelines established by the department of children's services. Amends TCA Section 37-1-408 and Title 49. (HB2021/SB2815)
- Human Rights As enacted, requires the department of correction, the department of mental health and substance abuse services, and the department of human services to work with a nonprofit charitable organization to provide mandatory annual training to appropriate personnel in the identification, intervention, prevention, and treatment of human trafficking victims, and in the proper action that should be taken when dealing with a known or suspected victim of human trafficking; requires that the training be submitted to, and approved by, the TBI's human trafficking advisory council. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41 and Title 71. (HB2113/SB2793)
- Consumer Protection As enacted, makes it a violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act to advertise a home warranty to consumers in this state, or issue or deliver a home warranty to consumers in this state, without explicitly stating in written detail what items will be covered and fully paid for by the home warranty. Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 62. (HB2114/SB2779)
- 844 Codes As enacted, adds provisions concerning the minimum statewide building construction safety standards promulgated by the state fire marshal. Amends TCA Title 68. (HB2242/SB2835)
- Education, Higher As enacted, revises present law provisions governing the use of an intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2249/SB2392) [See Appendix "G"]

- Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires, beginning in 2024, the department to submit to the members of the general assembly, by February 15 of each year, a report of data collected related to the use of medication-assisted treatment for opiate addiction by department-funded providers in this state for the prior fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 33. (HB2376/SB2555)
- 847 Law Enforcement As enacted, removes the requirement for employment as a police officer that a lawful permanent resident has been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces, so that any permanent legal resident of the United States who applies for or obtains United States citizenship within six years of the employment start date may be employed as a police officer. Amends TCA Title 38. (HB2442/SB2825)
- Taxes, Real Property As enacted, authorizes country trustees to accept prepayments of property taxes. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 8, Chapter 11; Title 66 and Title 67. (HB2467/SB2772)
- 849 Children's Services, Dept. of As enacted, specifies that if an anonymous report of harm is made to the department, a juvenile court must not order the parents or person responsible for the care of the child, or the person in charge of any place where the child may be, to allow the department entrance for purposes of interview, examination, and investigation unless the department has presented evidence corroborating the anonymous report of harm. Amends TCA Title 37. (HB2575/SB2476)
- **850** Public Records As enacted, requires government entities to maintain records of information relating to the deaths of persons held in jails and prisons. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7 and Section 38-10-102. (HB2613/SB2802)
- **851** Lottery, Charitable As enacted, authorizes qualified nonprofit organizations to file an application to operate an annual event in the July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, fiscal year. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17. (HB2638/SB2493)
- 852 Business Organizations As enacted, enacts provisions governing decentralized organizations Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 7; Title 12; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 66 and Title 67. (HB2645/SB2854)
- State Employees As enacted, classifies as state employees for purposes of defense and other related provisions, a contracted court reporter when the contracted court reporter is named in a civil action for damages alleging an act or omission by the contracted court reporter in the course of performing the contracted court reporter's official duties. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 20; Title 21; Title 22; Title 24; Title 25; Title 26; Title 27; Title 28; Title 29; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40. (HB2728/SB2836)
- Veterans As enacted, requires an employer to allow a veteran employee to have the entirety of Veterans' Day as a non-paid holiday if certain conditions met; specifies that this act does not prohibit an employer from allowing the employer's veteran employees to have the entirety of Veterans Day as a paid holiday. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 15; Title 50 and Title 58. (HB2733/SB2879)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, authorizes the investment committee for the TCRS board of trustees to cause the retirement system to divest, as expeditiously as possible, from an investment the system has with an entity found to be doing business with or supporting a country

- sanctioned by the office of foreign assets control. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 37. (HB2743/SB2639)
- Open Meetings As enacted, revises provisions governing participation in meetings by electronic means of communication. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 44. (HB2864/SB2889)
- 857 Election Laws As enacted, requires that a person meet the residency requirements for state senators and representatives contained in the Tennessee constitution in order to qualify as a candidate in a primary election for congress. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB2616/HB2764) [See Appendix "A"]
- 858 Taxes, Sales As enacted, requires, on or before January 1, 2023, and on or before January 1 of each subsequent year, the department of revenue to submit a report to the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house outlining the actual costs incurred by the department for the administration and collection of the local option sales tax. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB160/HB192)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, revises provisions governing the sale of wine and alcoholic beverages at retail. Amends TCA Title 57. (SB384/HB819)
- Financial Responsibility Law As enacted, increases from \$15,000 to \$25,000 the minimum amount of insurance coverage for property damage in any one accident that is required for a split-limit motor vehicle insurance policy to qualify as proof of financial security under the financial responsibility law for policies issued or renewed after December 31, 2022. Amends TCA Title 55 and Title 56. (SB504/HB1134)
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, prohibits local governmental entities from paying, compensating, awarding, or remitting funds in the form of, or facilitating the conversion of compensation or funds to, blockchain, cryptocurrency, non-fungible tokens, or virtual currency to an individual person, corporation, or other entity (or procuring the services for the performance of any such actions) without the prior written approval of the state treasurer. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 54; Title 64; Title 68 and Title 69. (SB535/HB653)
- Food and Food Products As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Food Freedom Act" to specify circumstances when persons may sell certain homemade food products without meeting certain permitting and licensure requirements. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 43; Title 53 and Title 68. (SB693/HB813)
- Paternity As enacted, removes the five-year statute of limitations for challenging a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity on the basis of fraud, duress, or mistake of fact; specifies, in regard to the provision whereby a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity signed by a child's mother and biological father constitutes a legal finding of paternity on the individual named as the father of the child in the acknowledgment, that the finding applies when the acknowledgement is signed by an unwed father. Amends TCA Title 24, Chapter 7; Title 36 and Title 68. (SB1779/HB2699)
- Courts As enacted, authorizes a county legislative body to authorize the judges of the circuit and chancery courts to appoint masters for certain purposes. Amends TCA Title 17, Chapter 2. (SB1819/HB1918)

- Dentists and Dentistry As enacted, designates live, interactive webinars as in-person courses for the purposes of continuing education requirements. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 63, Chapter 5. (SB1827/HB1903)
- Energy As enacted, establishes certain requirements for solar power facility agreements. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 65; Title 66, Chapter 9, Part 2 and Title 68. (SB1925/HB2056) [See Appendix "B"]
- Secretary of State As enacted, extends the period of reduced fees payable to the secretary of state relating to nonprofit charitable gaming and the solicitation of charitable funds. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 17, Part 1 and Title 48, Chapter 101, Part 5. (SB1983/HB1979)
- Real Property As enacted, revises the threshold at which assessments and indebtedness, as a percentage of the fair market value of a subject property, affect the eligibility of the property to participate under the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resilience Act; adds property owned by certain kinds of organizations to the definition of "commercial property"; makes other changes related to the Act. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 205. (SB1990/HB2033)
- Landlord and Tenant As enacted, specifies that for purposes of postponement of trial in forcible entry and detainer proceedings, the term "civil court" includes diversionary courts created for special civil proceedings. Amends TCA Section 29-18-118. (SB2002/HB1730)
- Salaries and Benefits As enacted, requires employers to pay employees no less than the minimum wage, regardless of the subminimum wage for an employee whose earning or productive capacity is impaired by age, physical, or mental deficiency or injury. Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 50. (SB2042/HB2078) [See Appendix "H"]
- 871 Safety As enacted, makes various changes to blasting requirements, including adding safety processes and protocols. Amends TCA Title 68. (SB2055/HB1698)
- 872 Boats, Boating As enacted, regulates wakesurfing and wakeboarding in the public waters of this state. Amends TCA Title 69, Chapter 9. (SB2107/HB2223)
- Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, authorizes development districts and the greater Nashville regional council to obtain insurance in lieu of surety bonds to ensure the lawful performance by agency officials and employees of their fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 19; Title 13, Chapter 14 and Title 64, Chapter 7. (SB2108/HB2264)
- Game and Fish Laws As enacted, transfers assets held in the wildlife management endowment fund to a newly created lifetime sportsman endowment fund, which will be an irrevocable trust for the exclusive benefit of lifetime sportsman license holders; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 9 and Title 70. (SB2118/HB2129)
- Solid Waste Disposal As enacted, revises provisions governing solid waste plans and the authority of the commissioner of environment and conservation in regard to certain permits for construction or expansion when a decision on an application has not been rendered or when an appeal is pending. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 68. (SB2121/HB1842)
- 876 Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes an additional privilege tax upon the privilege of occupancy in any hotel of each transient in an amount not to exceed 3 percent of the consideration

- charged by the operator in metropolitan counties having a population less than 25,000. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 4, Part 1. (SB2139/HB2132)
- 877 Trusts As enacted, changes requirements for providing various types of notice concerning activities of fiduciaries; revises manner to authorize trustees and others to vote stock that is a trust asset; makes other changes concerning administration of trusts. Amends TCA Title 35 and Title 48. (SB2166/HB2353)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, removes authority of the department of safety to deny a license to a minor for unsatisfactory academic progress; retains provisions for denial of a license, with certain exceptions, to a minor when the person is a student who is not enrolled in school. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30 and Title 55, Chapter 50. (SB2176/HB2037) [See Appendix "H"]
- Highway Signs As enacted, requires a guide sign to be erected on or along an interstate highway or at an interchange for an exposition center located within a county agricultural center. Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 5. (SB2227/HB2287)
- 880 Election Laws As enacted, specifies that the prohibition on an elected official or an employee of a municipal, county, state, or federal governmental body or agency serving as a member of a county election commission does not disqualify an employee of a county or city school system who does not work directly under the supervision of an elected official from serving as a member of the county election commission. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB2230/HB2337)
- 881 Controlled Substances As enacted, prohibits a healthcare provider who is authorized to prescribe buprenorphine under federal law from prescribing via telehealth a buprenorphine product, as approved by the federal food and drug administration for use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment, unless certain conditions met. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68. (SB2240/HB2335) [See Appendix "D"]
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, authorizes a special occasion licensee to designate an area in which liquor-by-the-drink licensees may sell alcoholic beverages and beer to patrons who may consume the alcoholic beverages and beer anywhere in the designated area; authorizes a festival operator licensee to provide a list of the liquor-by-the-drink licensees that will sell alcoholic beverages and beer to patrons in the designated area of the festival. Amends TCA Title 57. (SB2270/HB2514)
- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) As enacted, provides that in interpreting a state statute or rule, a court presiding over the appeal of a judgment in a contested case must not defer to a state agency's interpretation of the statute or rule and must interpret the statute or rule de novo; after applying all customary tools of interpretation, the court must resolve any remaining ambiguity against increased agency authority. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 20. (SB2285/HB1749)
- Education, Higher As enacted, requires, by the 2023-2024 school year, each state college of applied technology to establish partnerships with each LEA that is located in the county in which the main campus of the state college of applied technology is located to provide early postsecondary opportunities for students enrolled in a high school in the LEA; encourages the board of regents to expand the presence of state colleges of applied technology in each county within this state to provide greater early post-secondary opportunities for students enrolled in a high school in an LEA, Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2370/HB1959)
- 885 State Universities As enacted, creates the Tennessee Center for Nursing Advancement within East

- Tennessee State University to address issues of nursing workforce needs and makes other related changes. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 8, Part 5; Title 63 and Title 68. (SB2401/HB2148)
- Water As enacted, expands mechanisms that the department of environment and conservation may employ to use federal funds to subsidize loans for wastewater and drinking water facilities; authorizes the commissioner to promulgate emergency rules and revises other provisions governing such loan programs. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 221. (SB2417/HB2167)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends until 2025 the reporting requirement to the department of revenue by certain wholesalers of food, candy, and nonalcoholic beverages regarding net sales of such products to retailers; requires the comptroller to conduct a review of the retail accountability program regarding the reporting required for sales of food, candy, and nonalcoholic beverages, to determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the program. Amends TCA Section 67-6-410. (SB2430/HB2180)
- Charitable Institutions As enacted, reduces to three years the period of time that a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization has to be in continuous and active existence in this state to qualify to operate a charitable gaming event in this state. Amends TCA Section 3-17-102. (SB2454/HB2472)
- Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, authorizes certain water utilities to enter into agreements with other water utilities to operate within their territory; requires those water utilities to establish a method by which ratepayers may petition the utilities to consider entering into such agreements. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65 and Title 68. (SB2529/HB2518)
- Municipal Government As enacted, authorizes the council of a municipality with a modified city manager-council charter to, upon the adoption of an ordinance by a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the council, fix the salaries of the mayor and the members of the council annually at the time the operating budget is adopted. Amends TCA Title 6, Chapter 32, Part 1. (SB2564/HB1949)
- 891 Education, Higher As enacted, requires each institution governed by the board of regents, a state university board, or the board of trustees for the University of Tennessee to make the grievance procedure for the institution's support staff employees available on its website. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49. (SB2666/HB2568)
- B92 Day Care As enacted, increases the authorized operation times/days for drop-in centers from "not to exceed 14 hours per week and for not more than seven hours per day for any individual child during regular working hours" to "not to exceed 18 hours per week and for not more than nine hours per day during regular working hours." Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5. (SB2723/2559)
- Sheriffs As enacted, requires a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or constable serving an order of protection or ex parte order of protection to make reasonable efforts, prior to or at the time of service, to determine whether the person being served has an outstanding criminal warrant. Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 36. (SB2746/HB2533)
- 634 Game and Fish Laws As enacted, revises the provisions governing the property used in violation of certain hunting law. Amends TCA Title 12; Title 39; Title 40; Title 69, Chapter 9 and Title 70. (SB2868/HB2457)
- Jails, Local Lock-ups As enacted, requires reimbursement to counties for housing state parolees awaiting a parole revocation hearing. Amends TCA Title 41. (SB735/HB71)

- Public Health As enacted, removes TCA § 14-2-101, which prohibits COVID-19 vaccine mandates by governmental entities, schools, and local education agencies, and removes TCA § 14-1-101, which is the definitions to the Title 14 COVID-19 laws, from the application of the Title 14 termination date of July 1, 2023; effective July 1, 2023, deletes the 14-1-101 definitions except for those that relate to the prohibition on COVID-19 vaccine mandates for governmental entities. Amends TCA Title 14 and Title 68. (SB1884/HB1960)
- 897 Education As enacted, authorizes LEAs to provide up to two days of the required 180 days of classroom instruction through remote instruction in accordance with certain criteria. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB1887/HB1912)
- **898** TennCare As enacted, enacts the "Annual Coverage Assessment Act of 2022." Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5. (SB1956/HB1985)
- 899 Litter Control As enacted, increases the penalty for mitigated criminal littering from a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a \$50 fine to a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine. Amends TCA Title 39. (SB2070/HB2424)
- County Government As enacted, revises population figures in the code to clarify references that are to Shelby County only (and not to Shelby and Davidson counties) in light of the most recent census figures. Amends TCA Title 6; Title 8; Title 17; Title 29; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 49; Title 50; Title 57; Title 67 and Title 68. (SB2199/HB2241)
- QO1 Campaigns and Campaign Finance As enacted, requires that sworn complaints on a statement of a candidate for state public office or a statewide political campaign committee be filed in the office of the registry of election finance; requires that sworn complaints on a statement of a candidate for local public office or a local political campaign committee be filed in the office of the district attorney general who represents the judicial district in which the voter resides. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 10. (SB2302/HB2061)
- Coroners As enacted, requires attending physician, chief medical officer, or medical examiner signing the medical certification of the cause of death of a military veteran to, prior to signing, review of medical records, including records from the U.S. department of veterans affairs, if deceased person known to be a military veteran and is provided access to the records in order to determine if a service-connected disability was the principal or major contributory cause of death. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 7, Part 1 and Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 5. (SB2306/HB2220)
- Transportation, Dept. of As enacted, authorizes the department to allocate a portion of the funds generated by the barrel tax on beer and tax on bottled soft drinks to be used for roadway, waterway, and shoreline litter reduction initiatives. Amends TCA Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 4; Section 57-5-201 and Section 67-4-402. (SB2348/HB2194)
- Architects, Engineers and Designers As enacted, creates licensure requirements for the regulation of landscape architects. Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 2. (SB2479/HB2627)
- 905 Disabled Persons As enacted, makes various changes to the system established by the commissioner of human services for providing rehabilitation centers for persons with disabilities; changes the name of the advisory board for rehabilitation centers to the advisory board for community-based vocational rehabilitation services; extends the new board to June 30, 2026. -

- Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 11, Part 7. (SB2650/HB2801)
- 906 Day Care As enacted, enacts and revises certain requirements in regard to child care agencies. -Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 55; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB2730/HB2712)
- Agriculture As enacted, creates an exception to certain offenses for persons transporting hemp concentrate with a THC content that does not exceed 5 percent from the place where the concentrate was produced to a place where the concentrate will be diluted into products with a THC content that does not exceed 0.3 percent; enacts related requirements and authorizes the commissioner of agriculture to provide, on at least a quarterly basis, a list of persons with a hemp license to the department of safety, for the department's publication on the department's website. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 43, Chapter 27. (SB694/HB715)
- 908 Drugs, Prescription As enacted, authorizes a pharmacist to provide ivermectin to a patient, who is 18 years of age or older, pursuant to a valid collaborative pharmacy practice agreement containing a non-patient-specific prescriptive order and standardized procedures developed and executed by one or more authorized prescribers; enacts other related provisions. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 14; Title 47; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB2188/HB2746)
- education As enacted, requires the commissioner of education to withhold a portion of the state education finance funds that an LEA is otherwise eligible to receive if the LEA fails or refuses to determine a student's gender, for purposes of participation in school sports, by the student's sex at the time of birth; exempts an LEA that fails or refuses to determine a student's gender, for purposes of participation in school sports, by the student's sex at the time of birth if the LEA's failure or refusal to do so is required by a court or other legally binding order. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB1895/SB1861)
- Oriminal Offenses As enacted, enacts "Nicholas' Law," which specifies that a prior conviction for the offense of boating under the influence must be treated the same as a prior conviction for driving under the influence of an intoxicant for purposes of determining punishment for a violation of driving under the influence of an intoxicant; specifies that a violation of driving under the influence of an intoxicant must be treated the same as a prior conviction for boating under the influence for purposes of determining punishment for boating under the influence. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4 and Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2. (HB2270/SB2736)
- 911 State Government As enacted, adds to the Eligibility Verification for Entitlements Act that a public benefit does not include a professional or commercial license for purposes of the citizenship verification requirement; specifies that to be eligible for a professional or commercial license, an applicant must show that the applicant is either a United States citizen or authorized under federal law to work in the United States as verified by the SAVE program. Amends TCA Title 4. (HB2309/SB2464)
- 912 Estates As enacted, authorizes a probate court or chancery court to appoint a public receiver to determine and submit a recommendation to the court on the need for a temporary or permanent receiver over an estate; authorizes the court, upon a hearing on the report, to appoint a receiver with such powers as are necessary, consistent with those extended to receivers in absentees' estates.

   Amends TCA Title 30. (SB1680/HB1665)
- 913 Education As enacted, requires the coordinated school health program to submit a mid-year report

- to the department of education to determine if funds within the program should be redistributed. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 10. (SB1888/HB1891)
- 914 Education As enacted, allows teachers to use results from benchmark assessments, including, but not limited to, state-adopted benchmark assessments or a universal screener approved by the state board of education, to measure student achievement. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1. (SB1890/HB1860)
- Ohildren's Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department to convene a child protective investigation team when a report of severe child abuse is received; expands the role and procedures of a child protective team investigation to include cases involving severe child abuse. Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 39. (SB1911/HB2024)
- Public Records As enacted, extends the date for repeal of a current law specifying certain law enforcement body camera video must be treated as confidential and not subject to public inspection from July 1, 2022, until July 1, 2027; revises provision in regard to the confidentiality of body camera video that depicts minors within a school that serves grades K-12 to include as confidential such video that depicts in a child care agency, child care program, preschool, or nursery school. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 38. (SB2061/HB1957)
- 918 Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, removes the requirement for court approval of a tort claim settlement involving a minor that is less than \$10,000; revises other provisions regarding tort settlements involving minors. Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 34 and Title 34, Chapter 1. (SB2201/HB1943)
- Poster Care As enacted, requires, in cases involving child abuse or child neglect, the agency preparing a permanency plan and the court, in developing or approving a plan, to consider whether the allegations of abuse or neglect warrant supervision of any visitation between the child and the abusing or neglecting parent and whether it is in the best interest of the child that the plan require supervised visitation between the child and the abusing or neglecting parent. Amends TCA Title 36; Title 37 and Title 39. (SB2232/HB2235)
- TennCare As enacted, requires the bureau to, in consultation with and approval of the commissioner of finance and administration, develop and implement a program substantially similar to the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services' Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport model for emergency services. Amends TCA Title 71. (SB2319/HB2840)
- 920 Criminal Offenses As enacted, expands the offense of unlawful photography to include the photographing of an individual without the consent of the individual, if the photograph includes the unclothed intimate area of the individual and would be considered offensive or embarrassing by the individual; was taken for the purpose of offending, intimidating, embarrassing, ridiculing, or harassing the victim; and was disseminated by the defendant to any other person or the defendant threatened to disseminate, or permitted the dissemination of, the photograph. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13. (SB2362/HB2459)
- Parks, Natural Areas Preservation As enacted, enacts the "State Parks Funding Act of 2022." Amends TCA Section 11-3-120 and Title 11, Chapter 3, Part 3. (SB2418/HB2168)
- **922** Criminal Offenses As enacted, allows TEMA to use unmanned aircraft to capture images for the purposes of emergency management and limits the amount of time that TEMA may retain an image

it captures pursuant to this provision for the purpose of damage assessment to one year or, if the disaster is later declared a major disaster by the President of the United States, for the retention period required by the federal emergency management agency for data related to damage assessment; limits the amount of time that TEMA may retain all images captured for any other purpose to 15 business days. - Amends TCA Section 39-13-902. (SB2428/HB2178)

- 923 Criminal Offenses As enacted, classifies as the Class A misdemeanor offense "unlawful exposure" the distribution of an image of an identifiable person engaged in sexually explicit conduct if: the image was photographed or recorded under circumstances where the parties agreed or understood that the image would remain private; and the person depicted in the image suffers emotional distress. Amends TCA Title 39. (SB2535/HB2789)
- 924 Holidays and Days of Special Observance As enacted, designates July 16 as "Ida B. Wells Day." -Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2. (SB2757/HB2847)
- 925 Election Laws As enacted, revises provisions governing qualification of additional candidates in a primary election or nonpartisan general election after the qualifying deadline due to death, withdrawal, or disqualification of a qualified candidate leaving no candidates for nomination or office. Amends TCA Title 2; Title 3; Title 4; Title 16; Title 17; Title 27 and Title 29. (HB1124/SB1375)
- 926 Veterinarians As enacted, authorizes members of the board of veterinary medical examiners to be reappointed for successive terms; clarifies the definition of "veterinary facility" to be a building, place, or mobile unit from which the practice of veterinary medicine is conducted. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 12 and Title 68, Chapter 8. (HB213/SB257)
- 927 Sentencing As enacted, revises provisions governing sentencing for persons convicted of drug offenses committed in a drug-free school zone; authorizes a court that imposed a sentence for a drug-free school zone offense that occurred prior to September 1, 2020, upon motion of the defendant or the district attorney general or the court's own motion, to resentence the defendant under the current law. Amends TCA Title 16; Title 39 and Title 40. (HB1449/SB1528)
- Ocapitol As enacted, revises provisions regarding the duty and care of the second floor of the state capitol building and the portion of the ground floor of the state capitol occupied by the senate clerk's office. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4 and Title 9. (HB1638/SB2349)
- **929** Education, Curriculum As enacted, revises various provisions of the Course Access Program Act. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 18. (HB1850/SB2887)
- Public Health As enacted, prohibits governmental entities, local education agencies, schools, and private businesses from adopting or enforcing laws, rules, or practices that fail to recognize acquired immunity as providing a level of immune protection that is at least as protective as a COVID-19 vaccine or treat individuals with acquired immunity differently than individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 7; Title 8; Title 14; Title 50; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB1871/SB1982)
- 931 Sexual Offenders As enacted, expands the uses of sex offender registration fees available to the registering agency to include the investigation of sexual offenses and the purchase of specialized equipment for use in the investigation of sexual offenses in addition to paying the administrative costs of the sexual offender registry. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2. (HB1878/SB2719)

- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, prohibits the granting of a temporary permit to teach a physical education class, special education course, or course for which an end-of-course examination is required; authorizes endorsement exemption to a teacher to teach any course or subject area, except a physical education class or a special education course, for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years; revises other related provisions; requires the department of education to report certain information regarding endorsement exemptions and temporary permits. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB1901/SB1863)
- 933 Correction, Dept. of As enacted, revises the manner in which the department may dispose of the unclaimed body of an inmate who dies in a penitentiary, including by way of cremation. Amends TCA Title 41, Chapter 21. (HB1913/SB1866)
- 934 Education As enacted, authorizes a local board of education or charter school governing body to implement, as part of the LEA's or public charter school's discipline policy, holistic programs of positive behavior reinforcement and reward-based behavior modification systems. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB1930/SB1958)
- 935 Real Property As enacted, authorizes an offeree to cancel a contract or agreement that was entered into following an unsolicited offer to purchase the offeree's real property that was sent through the mail. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 13; Title 39; Title 47; Title 66 and Title 71. (HB1946/SB1945)
- Education As enacted, requires LEAs to conduct remote learning drills; requires that teacher training programs provide instruction on strategies for virtual instruction to candidates seeking a license to teach or a license to serve as an instructional leader. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1964/SB2369)
- Adoption As enacted, expands the definition of severe child sexual abuse for purposes of termination of parental rights and giving a parent standing to file a petition to terminate the parental rights of the abusive parent; declares all adoption records to be a public record when 100 years have elapsed since the date the adoption was finalized; makes various other changes in regard to termination of parental rights and adoption. Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 36; Title 37 and Title 68. (HB2070/SB2056)
- **938** Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires, rather than recommends, that the course of instruction for students in grades five through eight include curricula designed to educate students in black history and black culture. Amends TCA Section 49-6-1006. (HB2106/SB2501)
- 939 Election Laws As enacted, expressly prohibits non-United States citizens from voting in federal, state, or local elections in this state; prohibits local governments from granting non-citizens the right to vote in local elections; enacts other related election provisions. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 2 and Title 2, Chapter 7. (HB2128/SB2245)
- Ounty Boundaries As enacted. requires the county commissioners of counties seeking to change boundary lines to consider the potential impact to all relevant departments before adopting the resolution to request the general assembly change the county boundary lines. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 2. (HB2232/SB2203)
- 941 Litter Control As enacted, adds the offense of aggravated criminal littering, if the conviction is for an amount of litter that exceeds 100 pounds in weight or 30 cubic feet in volume. to the list of offenses for which a homeowners' or neighborhood association may seek an injunction or restraining order

- prohibiting a repeat offender from entering the boundaries of the residential area under the Neighborhood Protection Act. Amends TCA Section 40-35-123. (HB2252/SB2376)
- 942 Wills As enacted, creates a presumption of suspicious circumstances if a holographic will is written within 30 days prior to a testator's death by suicide and places the burden of presenting evidence that the testator had the capacity to execute the will on the proponent of the will. Amends TCA Title 32. (HB2284/SB2242)
- Basic Education Program (BEP) As enacted, requires, until July 1, 2023, that a high school student who completes an early high school graduation program be counted as enrolled in the LEA from which the student graduated for the remainder of the school year in which the student graduated early for purposes of calculating the BEP allocation for the respective LEA. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 3. (HB2300/SB2328)
- Probation and Parole As enacted, enacts the "Joe Clyde Daniels Act" to require the board of parole, in making a parole determination for an offender convicted of a homicide, to consider whether the offender obstructed or continues to obstruct the ability of law enforcement to recover the remains of the victim. Amends TCA Title 40. (HB2306/SB2223) [See Appendix "H"]
- Guardians and Conservators As enacted, specifies that confidential medical information must not be disclosed in the accounting statement of a fiduciary when the fiduciary advises the court whether or not the condition of the respondent continues to require the fiduciary's services. Amends TCA Title 34; Title 35 and Title 67. (HB2359/SB1799)
- **946** Education, State Board of As enacted, requires the board to develop an Industry 4.0 diploma distinction and graduation pathway for high school students; revises certain requirements for students participating in work-based learning programs. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2429/SB2498)
- Election Laws As enacted, requires certain state and county officials to consult with the speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives prior to entering into consent decrees to change state election laws or rules; gives the general assembly legal standing to file an action against such state officials for violating election laws. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 1. (HB2483/SB2487) [See Appendix "A"]
- 948 Local Education Agencies As enacted, enacts the "Heart to Heart Act," which encourages schools to offer automated external defibrillator device training to school bus drivers. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68. (HB2530/SB2824)
- 949 Medical Occupations As enacted, revises provisions governing collaborating physician review for certain health care professions. - Amends TCA Title 63. (HB2537/SB2511)
- Education As enacted, prohibits an LEA or public charter school from knowingly entering into an agreement with an individual or entity that performs abortions, induces abortions, provides abortion referrals, or provides funding, advocacy, or other support for abortions. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2557/SB2158)
- 951 Foster Care As enacted, requires each LEA to designate a foster care liaison to collaborate with the department of children's services to address educational barriers for students in foster care and to facilitate compliance with applicable state and federal laws; allows each LEA to appoint a building point of contact in each elementary, middle, and high school to coordinate with the foster care

- liaison. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 37 and Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB2621/SB2309)
- 952 Sentencing As enacted, enacts the "Transparency In Sentencing For Victims Act." Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35. (HB2657/SB2183) [See Appendix "I"]
- Pharmacy, Pharmacists As enacted, revises provisions governing the employment of certain employees for health-related regulatory boards; revises provisions governing appointment of board of pharmacy executive director. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB2662/SB2322)
- Medical Occupations As enacted, authorizes the commissioner of health and the commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services to allow certain rules to not be applied to certain healthcare professionals and students in order for those persons to operate outside of normal licensure requirements during a healthcare staffing crisis; requires certain notice to governor and speakers of the senate and house of representatives. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB2667/SB2550)
- 955 Barbers and/or Cosmetologists As enacted, authorizes a person who holds a valid license to instruct in a school of cosmetology and who completes 300 hours in a registered barber school or college regarding the fundamentals of straight razor shaving and barbering technique, to be issued a certificate of registration as a barber instructor; authorizes a person who holds a valid registration as a barber instructor and who completes 300 hours in a licensed school of cosmetology learning the fundamentals of cosmetology technique and pedicuring, to be issued a license to instruct in a school of cosmetology. Amends TCA Title 62, Chapter 3 and Title 62, Chapter 4. (HB2697/SB2754)
- Of thildren's Services, Dept. of As enacted, expands the information required to be provided in writing to foster parents by the department to include all information available to the department regarding the child's education status, mental health history and status, behavioral history, and physical disabilities. Amends TCA Title 37. (HB2702/SB2741) [See Appendix "A"]
- 957 Education As enacted, specifies who is eligible to attend a voluntary pre-kindergarten program; deletes the pilot pre-kindergarten program; requires that a voluntary pre-kindergarten program be designed to comprehensively address the educational needs of children who are not otherwise eligible for similar programs or who do not have access to a pre-kindergarten program; revises and enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 1. (HB2709/SB2595)
- 958 Education, Higher As enacted, adds requirements to provisions governing the reporting of crime statistics by institutions of higher education. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 49; Title 62 and Title 68. (HB2730/SB2830)
- Education, Curriculum As enacted, requires that high school students be taught about the virtues of capitalism and the constitutional republic form of government in the United States and Tennessee, as compared to other political and economic systems such as communism and socialism, as part of the social studies curriculum. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB2742/SB2728)
- Education As enacted, enacts the "School Safety and Removal Act;" authorizes alternative schools and alternative programs to provide remote instruction to students attending the school or program.
   Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2760/SB2590) [See Appendix "H"]
- 961 Immigration As enacted, adds the department of finance and administration to the list of recipients

under the requirement that the Tennessee office for refugees at least quarterly transmit certain information to the chairs of the state government committee of the house and state and local government committee of the senate, and to the chair of the budget committee of either the city council or the county legislative body regulating a host community. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 9; Title 37; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB2868/SB2783)

- Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, renames the Carroll County 1,000 Acre Lake to Lake Halford; transfers responsibility for administering the Carroll County 1,000 Acre Lake from the Carroll County watershed authority to the TWRA and imposes certain requirements on TWRA in regard to the transfer. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 11; Title 64, Chapter 1, Part 8 and Title 70. (SB2402/HB2149)
- University of Tennessee As enacted, establishes an institute of American civics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; requires the president of the University of Tennessee, in consultation with the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives, to appoint 13 members to serve on a board of fellows for the institute; establishes procedure for appointment of a director for the institute. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9. (SB2410/HB2157)
- DUI Offenses As enacted, makes various changes to the ignition interlock requirements for people convicted of driving under the influence; creates a licensing system for ignition interlock manufacturers, service centers, technicians, and subcontractors, to be administered by the department of safety. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4. (SB2434/HB2184)
- **965** Election Laws As enacted, revises and expands the manner in which the secretary of state and county election commissions must audit state and local elections. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 20 and Title 2, Chapter 5. (SB2675/HB2585)
- Basic Education Program (BEP) As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) Act," which replaces the basic education program (BEP) as the system for funding education for the public schools, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. (HB2143/SB2396) [See Appendix "J"]
- 267 Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires the Tennessee higher education commission to comply with the policies of the state building commission concerning capital projects affecting public institutions of higher education in this state. - Amends TCA Title 49. (SB532/HB650)
- 968 Special License Plates As enacted, authorizes certain new special license plates, and revises various existing plate provisions. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4. (SB1667/HB1655)
- County Officers As enacted, requires a court with jurisdiction over a criminal case in which an elected constable is indicted or formally charged with a misdemeanor involving gambling or moral turpitude or a felony to place the constable on administrative leave until the conclusion of the criminal prosecution; if constable is convicted of a misdemeanor involving gambling or moral turpitude or a felony, requires the clerk to mail a certified copy of the conviction to the attorney general and the appropriate district attorney general, county attorney, and city attorney to determine whether ouster proceedings should be brought. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 10; Title 8, Chapter 47 and Title 16. (SB1782/HB1732)
- 970 Physicians and Surgeons As enacted, authorizes the board of medical examiners and the board of

osteopathic examination to issue short-term visitor clinical training licenses to eligible foreign medical graduates and physicians, subject to certain conditions. - Amends TCA Title 63. (SB1902/HB2849)

- 971 Child Abuse As enacted, requires a landlord or person in control of a residential rental property to provide a case manager from the department of children's services or a child protective investigation team with information on the address or location of a child who has been alleged to be abused or neglected and resides or is located on the residential rental property; grants immunity from liability for a cooperating landlord, except in cases of willful or wanton conduct or intentional wrongdoing. Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 39. (SB1910/HB2023)
- Human Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department of human services to submit a report to the general assembly no later than October 31, 2022, and annually thereafter with certain information regarding the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; prohibits the department from providing an exemption from the work requirement, as provided under federal law, to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 71. (SB2071/HB2096)
- 973 Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, prohibits a health insurer from considering the location where complex rehabilitation technology will be used when making a medical necessity determination; requires health insurers to offer a prior authorization process for complex rehabilitation technology coverage determinations; imposes other related requirements governing coverage for complex rehabilitation technology. Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 71. (SB2134/HB2048)
- 974 Education As enacted, requires educator preparation providers approved by the state board of education to require each candidate enrolled in the provider's educator preparation program to successfully complete at least one course each semester on reading instruction in order for the provider to retain state board approval; revises and enacts other provisions governing literacy skill instruction and educator preparation providers. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2163/HB2343)
- 975 Education As enacted, requires the department of education to produce an annual report concerning the efficacy of training on reading instruction provided by educator preparation providers; authorizes the state board of education to place on probationary status or revoke the approval of an EPP or any other Tennessee educator issuing entity if the program fails to meet the standards established by the state board. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2181/HB2057)
- Judges and Chancellors As enacted, makes various changes to the board of judicial conduct. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 3; Title 17, Chapter 5 and Title 50, Chapter 6, Part 2. (SB2284/HB2401)
- 977 Tennessee Bureau of Investigation As enacted, authorizes the TBI to contract with the FBI on certain background investigations; revises the background check procedure for child care agencies. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 6; Title 68, Chapter 102 and Title 71. (SB2340/HB2211)
- 978 Education As enacted, authorizes the administration of TCAP tests students in a timed format and requires the department of education to establish the required time limit for each TCAP test and an optional additional time period that may be added to the required time limit for each test if requested by a student. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (SB2363/HB2461)
- 979 Education As enacted, revises various provisions relative to computer science education. Amends

- 980 Criminal Procedure As enacted, authorizes the department of correction, through the judicial cost accountant, to advance or reimburse witness expenses necessary to the prosecution of criminal cases as requested by the district attorney general and approved by the court; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2415/HB2165)
- 981 Criminal Procedure As enacted, permits a judge to issue a criminal summons, instead of an arrest warrant, for a technical violation of probation or a suspended sentence when the technical violation is brought by a probation officer. Amends TCA Title 40. (SB2632/HB2212)
- 982 Criminal Procedure As enacted, expands the offenses for which certain items may be seized utilizing criminal asset forfeiture; revises provision regarding disposition of forfeited property. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 16; Title 19; Title 20; Title 29; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2682/HB2271)
- 983 Sexual Offenses As enacted, requires the department of children's services and the department of human services to collaborate to provide recommendations to the general assembly on resources and services specific to persons from 18 to 24 years of age who have been victims of child sex trafficking. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71. (SB2739/HB2591)
- District Attorneys As enacted, requires the district attorneys general conference to work with the Tennessee bureau of investigation, the department of children's services, the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Tennessee to develop recommendations on the creation of multidisciplinary teams to provide responses specific to child sex trafficking cases. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2740/HB2592)
- Offense of knowingly abusing or neglecting a child under 18 years of age, so as to adversely affect the child's health and welfare; revises the offense of a person or entity operating a child care agency without being licensed or continuing to operate such agency while a suspension of the license is in effect, or operating a child care agency following the effective date of a denial or revocation of a license. Amends TCA Title 37, Chapter 5; Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4 and Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5. (SB2748/HB2583)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates a Class C misdemeanor offense, punishable by a \$50 fine and community service work, for camping along a controlled-access highway or entrance or exit ramp; expands Equal Access to Public Property Act of 2012, under which it is a Class E felony offense for a person to camp on property owned by the state knowing that the area on which the camping occurs is not specifically designated for use as a camping area, to apply the offense of unauthorized camping to all public property. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 3 and Title 55, Chapter 8. (HB978/SB1610) [See Appendix "H"]
- 987 Education, State Board of As enacted, divides the appointing authority for each of the nine members of the board representing the state's nine congressional districts among the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives such that each appoints three members; revises the legislative confirmation process for members appointed on or after July 1, 2022; revises other appointment and confirmation related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1. (HB1838/SB1838)

- 988 Sentencing As enacted, requires that a person convicted of certain offenses serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed; requires that a person convicted of certain other offenses serve 85 percent of the sentence imposed before becoming eligible for release; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2248/HB2656) [See Appendix "I"]
- 989 Public Records As enacted, clarifies that certain personal information of public employees maintained by an employing governmental entity or person is confidential. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 8 and Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5. (HB1760/SB2819)
- Textbooks As enacted, requires that all math, science, and social studies textbooks and instructional materials be aligned to state academic standards by a certain date; prohibits the state board of education from granting waivers for textbooks or instructional materials, including those for English language arts, that are not aligned to state academic standards by that date. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6. (HB2108/SB2154)
- 7991 Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, revises the evaluation criteria for educators. Amends TCA Section 49-1-302. (HB2116/SB2155)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, establishes a third-party skills testing program administered by the department of safety for the purpose of facilitating the testing and licensure of commercial drivers; authorizes the department of correction to create a commercial driver license training program for purposes of training offenders who, upon release from incarceration, may be suitable for careers in the transportation industry. Amends TCA Section 12-2-403; Title 41; Section 49-6-2107 and Title 55. (HB2146/SB2399)
- Planning, Public As enacted, removes exceptions to the process for adopting and making amendments to regional and municipal plans; exempts Cannon County from the act. Amends TCA Title 13, Chapter 3 and Title 13, Chapter 4. (HB2503/SB2690)
- Planning, Public As enacted, revises provisions governing plat approval by regional and municipal planning commissions. Amends TCA Section 13-3-402 and Section 13-4-302. (HB2534/SB2692)
- 295 Law Enforcement As enacted, adds "child abuse" to the requirement that the Jerry F. Agee Tennessee Law Enforcement Academy, the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission, and the department of children's services work together in developing ways to inform and instruct appropriate local law enforcement personnel in the detection of child sexual abuse and in the proper action that should be taken in a suspected case of child sexual abuse and requires that certain guidelines be prepared that establish a standard procedure that may be followed by police agencies in the investigation of cases involving sexual abuse of children. Amends TCA Title 37 and Title 38. (HB2589/SB2742)
- Assessors As enacted, authorizes an assessor of property to display "UNLISTED" for the first and last name in the ownership field of an online searchable database of property when certain conditions are met: Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7 and Title 67, Chapter 5. (HB2597/SB2695)
- 297 Law Enforcement As enacted, authorizes licensed health care facilities to establish policies pursuant to which a suitable number of persons may be employed or commissioned, or both, as police officers, public safety officers, and security officers by the facility; enacts other related provisions; authorizes a local governmental entity to contract with an entity working on the megasite of West Tennessee for the provision of security services at the megasite. Amends TCA Title 38 and Title 68,

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- 998 Commerce and Insurance, Dept. of As enacted, requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of the provisions governing pharmacy benefits managers and pharmacy benefits. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 56. (HB2660/SB2457)
- Bail, Bail Bonds As enacted, authorizes a clerk to accept bail bond by means of a debit card or mobile cash application; authorizes the clerk, if the clerk accepts such methods of payment, to charge a fee to pay for any cost charged to the clerk for accepting the applicable method of payment.
   Amends TCA Section 40-11-118. (HB457/SB1472)
- Handgun Permits As enacted, requires the department of safety to conduct a name-based criminal history record check every four years after a person is issued a concealed handgun carry permit; permits the department to revoke the permit if the person is ineligible to possess a firearm; implements a \$50 fee for renewal of the permit. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. (HB1018/SB890)
- Abortion As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB2416/SB2281)
- 1002 Obscenity and Pornography As enacted, redefines "obscene" to include material that has educational value; makes various changes to the internet acceptable use policy LEAs are required to adopt; enacts requirements governing providers of digital and online resources; enacts and revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 49, Chapter 1. (HB2454/SB2292)
- 1003 Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, increases, from \$5.50 to \$8.50, the fee paid to county clerks for receiving and forwarding to the motor vehicle division of the department of revenue each application for certificates of title; allocates \$3.00 of the fee to be used by the county for the provision of services directly related to titling and registration. Amends TCA Section 55-6-104. (HB2542/SB2884)
- 1004 Treasurer, State As enacted, requires the state treasurer, in conjunction with the commissioner of transportation, to develop, implement, and administer a centralized information system for the reporting of alleged dangerous conditions on state-maintained highways and the repair of such conditions. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 1 and Title 9, Chapter 8, Part 4. (HB2706/SB2678)
- Education, Higher As enacted, prohibits males from participating in public higher education sports that are designated for females. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2153/HB2316) [See Appendix "H"]
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends the deadline by which a distressed rural county must apply to be eligible to retain the sales and use tax generated from a commercial development district from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2024. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (HB2614/SB2484)
- Appropriations As enacted, revises provisions governing appropriations for certain laws that result in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities. Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 7 and Title 9, Chapter 4. (HB2674/SB2646)
- 1008 Children As enacted, revises provisions governing the surrender of newborn infant. Amends TCA Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 41; Title 49; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB1146/HB1301)

- Highways, Roads and Bridges As enacted, provides for the naming of certain roads and bridges in honor of certain persons. Amends TCA Title 54. (SB1668/HB1654)
- Pharmacy, Pharmacists As enacted, requires the board of pharmacy to promulgate rules necessary to ensure that an individual who is blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled has appropriate access to prescription labels, bag tags, and medical guides. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 53 and Title 63. (SB1859/HB1999)
- 1011 Medical Occupations As enacted, exempts a veteran of the United States armed forces who was trained and certified as a medic or corpsman from the initial licensure fees of the emergency medical services board. Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 140. (SB1940/HB1976)
- Medical Occupations As enacted, creates new categories of emergency first responders to assist EMTs in responding to emergencies, driving ambulances, and engaging in limited medical interventions; requires such persons to become licensed EMTs within a certain period of time. Amends TCA Title 55 and Title 68. (SB1966/HB1981)
- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, revises various alcohol-related provisions, including authorizing persons who hold certain alcohol licenses to choose the expiration date of their licenses and revising provisions relating to caterers. Amends TCA Title 57. (SB2251/HB2261)
- Funeral Directors and Embalmers As enacted, authorizes licensed funeral directors to sell pre-need funeral contracts and prearrangement insurance policies without registering with the commissioner of commerce and insurance; requires that continuing education completed virtually for renewal of embalmer and funeral director licenses involve continuous two-way transfer of information; defines unlicensed assistants for funeral establishment licensure laws. Amends TCA Title 62. (SB2570/HB2103)
- Driver Licenses As enacted, requires a person who is convicted of a human trafficking offense to obtain a driver license or photo identification license that bears a designation sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to identify the bearer of the license as a person who has been convicted of a human trafficking offense; requires the department of safety to add such designation to the license of persons convicted of a human trafficking offense. Amends TCA Section 39-13-314; Title 40 and Title 55, Chapter 50. (SB2592/HB2573)
- Purchasing and Procurement As enacted, revises provisions governing thresholds for competitive sealed bids for local governments. Amends TCA Section 12-3-1212. (SB2489/HB2600)
- Prisons and Reformatory Institutions As enacted, prohibits the use of solitary confinement for pregnant inmates and inmates who have given birth within the past eight weeks; prohibits transfer of a pregnant inmate from a jail to a state penitentiary or branch of a prison for safekeeping unless medically necessary. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 41. (SB827/HB916) [See Appendix "H"]
- Scholarships and Financial Aid As enacted, extends eligibility for a Senator Ben Atchley opportunity grant, to the extent feasible within existing budgetary resources of TSAC, to Tennessee resident students enrolled at eligible independent postsecondary institutions accredited by a regional accrediting association that have their primary campus domiciled in this state. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 8. (SB1025/HB708)

- 1019 Education As enacted, expands the Individualized Education Act to extend eligibility for the individualized education account program to a child with a specific learning disability. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1158/HB751)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, requires a health carrier, health benefit plan, or utilization review organization that denies coverage of a prescription drug for the treatment of a medical condition through the use of a step therapy protocol to provide access to a clear, readily accessible, and convenient process for a patient or prescribing practitioner to request a step therapy exception; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 33; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 71. (SB1310/HB677)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, requires that each LEA employee who works directly with students in the LEA, instead of only teachers, be trained at least once every three years on the detection, intervention, prevention, and treatment of human trafficking in which the victim is a child. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1670/HB2341)
- 1022 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates a new offense of aggravated reckless driving. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 10. (SB1673/HB1661)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the bureau of TennCare within the department of finance and administration to June 30, 2025. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71. (SB1700/HB1781)
- Administrative Procedure (UAPA) As enacted, continues permanent rules filed with the secretary of state between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021; schedules the University of Tennessee (Knoxville) Rule 1720-04-03.01 regarding student code of conduct and the Austin Peay State University Rule 0240-05-06-.04 regarding title IX compliance to expire. (SB1748/HB1827)
- Sexual Offenses As enacted, revises the penalties for continuous sexual abuse of a child to clarify circumstances under which the offense is a Class A, Class B, or Class C felony; adds to the list of offenses that warrant the Class A felony, trafficking for a commercial sex act if the victim is a minor and promoting prostitution if the victim is a minor. Amends TCA Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 53 and Title 55. (SB1792/HB1855)
- 1026 Campaigns and Campaign Finance As enacted, allows a member of the general assembly to use campaign account funds for lodging expenses if the member is not otherwise eligible for reimbursement or the reimbursement does not cover the total amount of the expense and for mileage reimbursement above the amount reimbursed by the state. Amends TCA Title 2 and Title 3. (SB1947/HB2675)
- Expunction As enacted, revises the eligibility requirements for a person to qualify as an "eligible petitioner" for purposes of petitioning for expunction of public records concerning a conviction for a felony or misdemeanor committed prior to November 1, 1989. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 32. (SB2001/HB2102)
- 1028 Child Custody and Support As enacted, requires expedited hearings and appeals in contested child custody cases involving unmarried parties if a paternity test by an accredited laboratory is known to exist or has been requested of or by the court. Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37. (SB2114/HB2375)
- Local Government, General As enacted, revises provisions governing "base tax revenues" under the Convention Center and Tourism Development Financing Act of 1998. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5;

- Regional Authorities and Special Districts As enacted, requires an entity that contracts with the Megasite Authority of West Tennessee for a real estate interest in the megasite to report, or cause its contractor or contractors to report, certain information to the state building commission, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives regarding construction activity for material improvement to the project; authorizes a local governmental entity to enter into a contract with an entity working on the megasite for the provision of security services at the megasite. Amends TCA Title 64, Chapter 9, Part 1. (SB2204/HB2659)
- 1031 County Government As enacted, authorizes a county to pay to an employee up to 15 percent of the total premium that would have otherwise been paid by the county on behalf of the employee who opts out of the coverage provided by the county. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 27. (SB2294/HB2303)
- Education As enacted, requires an LEA or the department of education to provide testing materials or proposed testing materials in the LEA's or department's possession to a member of the general assembly upon the member's request to inspect and review the material; excludes certain materials.
   Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2299/HB2312)
- 1033 Criminal Procedure As enacted, removes a conviction for prostitution as a requirement for a person to be eligible for expunction of multiple, nonviolent convictions for offenses that resulted from the person's status as a victim of human trafficking. Amends TCA Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2303/HB2234)
- Taxes, Privilege As enacted, extends the applicability of the Local Tourism Development Zone Business Tax Act to a privately owned or operated museum principally dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage, achievements, and contributions of minority artists, musicians, composers, or other fine arts practitioners located within Davidson County. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 88, Part 1 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 30. (SB2313/HB2448)
- Psychologists As enacted, revises provisions governing temporary and provisional licenses for psychologists. Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 11. (SB2356/HB2207)
- Purchasing and Procurement As enacted, increases from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the threshold amount for certain purchases by or for a county road department or by a chief administrative officer that may be made by means other than public advertisement and competitive bid. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 14; Title 5, Chapter 21; Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 54, Chapter 7. (SB2352/HB2519)
- 1037 Tennessee Bureau of Investigation As enacted, authorizes clerks of court, county clerks, registers of deeds, and county trustees to enter into agreements with a fingerprint vendor that is under contract with the Tennessee bureau of investigation for purposes of providing fingerprint capture services for fingerprint-based background checks permitted by law; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 38, Chapter 6. (SB2547/HB2780)
- **1038** Firearms and Ammunition As enacted, removes a short-barrel rifle or shotgun from the list of weapons the possession, manufacture, transport, repair, or sale of which is prohibited under state law. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13. (SB2628/HB2509)
- 1039 Treasurer, State As enacted, prohibits state treasurer from entering into a contract with a state depository if the state depository has a policy prohibiting financing to companies in the fossil fuel

- industry. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9 and Title 12. (SB2649/HB2672)
- 1040 Medical Occupations As enacted, revises the provisions governing the requirements for certain professional counselors. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 63, Chapter 22, Part 1. (SB2694/HB2531)
- Jails, Local Lock-ups As enacted, prohibits, beginning on the date on which a pregnancy is known to a law enforcement agency and confirmed by a healthcare professional, placing an inmate, who is in the custody of a correctional institution, in restraints; creates certain exceptions. Amends TCA Title 41. (SB2769/HB2875)
- 1042 Criminal Offenses As enacted, classifies all misdemeanor offenses under the Tennessee Personal and Commercial Computer Act of 2003 as Class A misdemeanor offenses. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 6. (SB2796/HB2329)
- General Assembly, Directed Studies As enacted, directs TACIR to perform a study of the overall effect of utility scale solar energy development in this state. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5; Title 6; Title 13; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67 and Title 68. (SB2797/HB2761)
- Education, Higher As enacted, revises various provisions of the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, which governs proprietary higher education institutions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 7. (SB2843/HB2606)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, establishes a reserve account in the retirement system for the payment of state liabilities, and the interest that would have been earned thereon, resulting from military service credit established pursuant to existing law provisions. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36 and Title 8, Chapter 37.
- Taxes, Hotel Motel As enacted, authorizes, in a county with a metropolitan government that has imposed a privilege tax upon the privilege of occupancy in a hotel of each transient, such metropolitan government to, upon approval by ordinance of the metropolitan council, impose an additional privilege tax upon the privilege of occupancy in a hotel of each transient in an amount up to 1 percent of the consideration charged by the operator; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 67. (HB681/SB421)
- Correctional Programs As enacted, deletes the requirement that teachers in the special school district of penal and reformatory institutions receive annual compensation at a rate of one tenth times 12 of the annual compensation in effect in the county in which the respective institution is located or one tenth times 12 of the average of the annual compensation of all the counties that are contiguous with the county in which the respective institution is located, whichever is greater, solely out of the state appropriations made to the respective institutions; deletes the prohibition against paying longevity to teachers in such special school district. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 6; Title 8, Chapter 30; Title 41 and Title 49. (HB846/SB1599)
- Education, Dept. of As enacted, creates a Tennessee state library coordinator position within the department; establishes the duties of the Tennessee state library coordinator. - Amends TCA Title 49. (HB1667/SB1784)
- Health Care As enacted, establishes a respite care pilot program for caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 71. (HB1686/SB1749)

- Alcoholic Beverages As enacted, adds certain locations as premier type tourist resorts and community theaters for purposes of the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages; revises the description of the premier type tourist resort of Wildwood Resort and Marina. Amends TCA Title 57, Chapter 1; Title 57, Chapter 4 and Title 57, Chapter 5. (HB1689/SB1685)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, provides 80 percent of the scheduled premium or defined contribution of the health insurance offered to retired state employees to a retired member of the Tennessee highway patrol who would not be eligible for such benefit based on the date the member was hired. Amends TCA Section 8-27-205. (HB1695/SB1845)
- 1052 TennCare As enacted, revises provisions governing the Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment Act. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 7; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71. (HB1719/SB1872)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, extends for an additional year, until June 30, 2023, the sales tax holiday for the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (HB1738/SB2799) [See Appendix "K"]
- Controlled Substances As enacted, adds quadriplegia as a qualifying medical condition for the lawful possession of cannabis oil. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 68, Chapter 7. (HB1747/SB1877)
- Sunset Laws As enacted, extends the consumer advocate division in the office of the attorney general and reporter to June 30, 2024. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 65. (HB1782/SB1701)
- DUI Offenses As enacted, enacts "Ethan's, Hailey's, and Bentley's Law," which requires a sentencing court to order a defendant who has been convicted of vehicular homicide or aggravated vehicular homicide due to intoxication and in which the victim of the offense was the parent of a minor child to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance to each of the victim's children until each child reaches 18 years of age and has graduated from high school. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40 and Title 55. (HB1834/SB1701) [See Appendix "H"]
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, allows TCRS members who served in the armed forces during certain periods of armed conflict to establish retirement credit for the military service under certain conditions. Amends TCA Section 8-34-605. (HB1852/SB2057)
- 1058 Sexual Offenders As enacted, prohibits a sexual offender, violent sexual offender, or a violent juvenile sexual offender, whose victim was a minor, from knowingly renting or offering for rent a swimming pool, hot tub, or other body of water to be used for swimming that is located on property owned or leased by the offender or otherwise under the control of the offender; creates defense for violation of certain existing restrictions that the offender was the parent of the minor in the offender's presence. Amends TCA Title 40. (HB1922/SB1786)
- TennCare As enacted, extends the nursing home annual assessment fee to June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 10. (HB1924/SB1885)
- 1060 Sentencing As enacted, allows a court to revoke a defendant's probation and suspension of sentence for a misdemeanor offense based upon one instance of a technical violation or violations; specifies that the court may revoke the defendant's probation and suspension of sentence in full or

in part, and may sentence the defendant to a sentence of probation for the remainder of the unexpired term; adds "contacting the defendant's victim in violation of a condition of probation or parole" as an act that may result in revocation of probation or parole. - Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 35. (HB2118/SB2288)

- Drugs, Prescription As enacted, requires a healthcare prescriber to offer a prescription for an opioid antagonist, or another drug approved for complete or partial reversal of an opioid overdose event, to each patient prescribed an opioid, if certain conditions are present; authorizes imposition of civil penalty against a person who violates the requirement to offer such a drug; provides exception for opioid prescriptions to palliative care patients. Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 63. (HB2228/SB2465) [See Appendix "D"]
- 1062 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates the criminal offenses of especially aggravated rape, especially aggravated rape of a child, and grave torture. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 12; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 49. (HB2244/SB2841)
- Education As enacted, urges the standards recommendation committee to include certain academic standards regarding the civil rights movement in the committee's final recommendation of academic standards in the subject of social studies for students in grades nine through 12. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2291/SB2508)
- Privacy, Confidentiality As enacted, adds to the provisions governing confidentiality of photographic evidence that depicts certain deceased persons. Amends TCA Section 10-7-504. (HB2308/SB2725)
- Taxes, Exemption and Credits As enacted, exempts from sales and use tax certain use and services in regard to computer software. Amends TCA Title 67. (HB2378/SB2164) [See Appendix "K"]
- Public Funds and Financing As enacted, authorizes the collateral pool board to make temporary changes to the required collateral and collateral pledge levels contained in the board's rules, including the qualitative and quantitative standards for determining collateral pledge levels and the admission criteria; makes other related revisions. Amends TCA Title 9, Chapter 4. (HB2426/SB2252)
- Local Education Agencies As enacted, prohibits a county LEA from operating a school within the geographic boundaries of a municipal LEA, except under certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2430/SB2315)
- Insurance, Health, Accident As enacted, requires a health benefit plan that provides coverage for imaging services for screening mammography to provide coverage to a patient for low-dose mammography according to specific guidelines, including a baseline mammogram for a woman 35 to 40 years of age. Amends TCA Title 56, Chapter 7. (HB2544/SB2771)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, changes from 400,000 to 360,000 the county population threshold that would authorize a municipality that has a minor league baseball stadium placed into service between December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2025, in such county to receive and apportion tax revenue derived from the sale of admission to events occurring within the stadium and from all sales of food, drinks, merchandise, and parking sold from a location on the premises of the stadium in conjunction with events occurring within the stadium to be used to pay debt service for the stadium; adds, for purposes of the special allocation that a team is deemed to locate in a municipality if the team relocates from an existing stadium to a new stadium within the municipality and does not relocate outside the municipality; adds and revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6.

(HB2609/SB2890)

- Pharmacy, Pharmacists As enacted, revises various provisions governing pharmacy benefits and pharmacy benefits managers. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5; Title 38; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 71. (HB2661/SB2458)
- Mental Illness As enacted, enacts the "Mental Health Treatment Act of 2022." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 16; Title 39 and Title 40. (HB2663/SB2806)
- 1072 Railroads As enacted, authorizes Cumberland County to establish a railroad authority of three or five members and prescribes the manner in which members are appointed. Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 56, Part 2. (HB2664/SB2885)
- Public Health As enacted, prohibits a hospital from restricting a patient from having at least one patient representative as a visitor during a period when COVID-19 is a healthcare concern, if certain requirements met; specifies that the requirement that any disciplinary process, or action taken pursuant to such process, that is implemented by a health-related board regarding the dispensing or prescribing of medication for COVID-19 must be promulgated as an administrative rule does not apply to the dispensing or prescribing of controlled substances; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 14; Title 29; Title 49; Title 50; Title 63 and Title 68. (HB2665/SB2449)
- Public Employees As enacted, requires that certain retirees of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency and Tennessee bureau of investigation with 25 years of service receive 80 percent of the scheduled premium or defined contribution for the health insurance benefits provided by the state. Amends TCA Section 8-27-205. (HB2668/SB2869)
- Education As enacted, establishes certain requirements to be followed if a state governmental entity or an LEA receives a complaint from a person who alleges that antisemitism has occurred on the premises of a public school serving any of the grades K-12, or through electronic outreach from a public school serving any of the grades K-12 Amends TCA Title 49. (HB2673/SB2684) [See Appendix "E"]
- Purchasing and Procurement As enacted, requires, for each emergency purchase the central procurement office approves, the reporting of certain information, as specified in this amendment, to the fiscal review committee within 30 days of the approval; creates certain exemptions. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 9; Title 12 and Title 49. (HB2676/SB2801)
- Public Records As enacted, deletes certain exemptions to the prohibition on the department of motor vehicles knowingly disclosing or otherwise making available to any person or entity personal information about any person obtained by the department in connection with a motor vehicle record. Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 25. (HB2763/SB2801)
- 1078 Employees, Employers As enacted, enacts the "CROWN Act: Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," which prohibits an employer from adopting a policy that does not permit an employee to wear the employee's hair in braids, locs, twists, or another manner that is part of the cultural identification of the employee's ethnic group or that is a physical characteristic of the employee's ethnic group; creates certain exceptions. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 8; Title 49 and Title 50. (SB136/HB204) [See Appendix "H"]
- 1079 Public Employees As enacted, revises and adds to the provisions governing petitions for such

- deputies and assistants and disputes regarding the hiring or salary of such a deputy or assistant. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 20. (SB282/HB1386)
- 1080 Education, State Board of As enacted, establishes the grading scale that must be used to assign letter grades to students enrolled in grades nine through 12 for purposes of reporting students' grades for postsecondary financial assistance; specifies that the state board or an LEA may develop a grading system for purposes other than reporting students' grades for postsecondary financial assistance. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB388/HB324)
- Abuse As enacted, revises provisions governing the vulnerable adult protective investigative team annual report to the chairs of the judiciary committee of the senate and the judiciary committee of the house of representatives; requires the executive director of the commission on aging and disability to establish and maintain a registry containing the names and addresses of unlicensed facilities that have been determined by a state agency to be providing care to elderly or vulnerable persons without maintaining the appropriate licensure. Amends TCA Title 39 and Title 71. (SB439/HB630)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, revises dealer's deduction for accounting for and remitting sales tax for items sold during the period of time beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6, Part 5. (SB500/HB536)
- Taxes, Privilege As enacted, eliminates the professional privilege tax for physicians. Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 17. (SB884/HB519) [See Appendix "K"]
- 1084 Alcohol Offenses, Motor Vehicles As enacted, creates the electronic monitoring indigency fund task force to study and make recommendations on the future of the electronic monitoring indigency fund. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40; Title 55 and Title 69. (SB887/HB325)
- Education As enacted, revises provisions governing textbooks and instructional materials; authorizes the Tennessee public charter school commission to require a charter school authorized by the commission upon appeal to delay opening for up to one school year through the charter agreement; requires that learning loss bridge camps be available to students enrolled in a stateauthorized public charter school, located within the geographic boundaries of the LEA; revises other various education-related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 49. (SB918/HB757)
- 1086 Unemployment Compensation As enacted, establishes a voluntary shared work unemployment benefits program that allows certain employers to submit to the department of labor and workforce development for approval a plan to reduce employee work hours in exchange for employee access to a certain level of unemployment compensation benefits. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 50. (SB958/HB1274)
- 1087 Campaigns and Campaign Finance As enacted, revises various provisions relative to ethics and campaign finance laws. Amends TCA Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 1; Title 2, Chapter 10, Part 2; Title 3, Chapter 1, Part 1; Title 3, Chapter 6, Part 1; Title 3, Chapter 50, Part 5. (SB1005/HB1201)[See Appendix "L"]
- 1088 Interstate Compacts As enacted, enacts the "Interstate Compact for License Portability Act" for professional counseling services. Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 63. (SB1027/HB959)
- 1089 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates the Class A felony of aggravated human trafficking; revises

- other provisions in regard to trafficking, involuntary servitude, and prostitution offenses. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71. (SB1378/HB1416)
- 1090 Education As enacted, requires the office of research and education accountability, in collaboration with TSAC and the departments of education, labor and workforce development, and human services to study providing driver education in Title I public high schools at low or no cost to students, sources of funding for the driver education, and benefits to students of the driver education. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB1508/HB1325)
- Firefighters As enacted, adds leukemia and testicular cancer to the list of cancers for which a presumption is created that certain conditions or impairments of full-time firefighters caused by leukemia, testicular cancer, or other listed cancers arose out of employment unless the contrary is shown by competent medical evidence. Amends TCA Section 7-51-201. (SB1569/HB335)
- Taxes, Sales As enacted, exempts certain sales of gold, silver, platinum, and palladium coins and bullion from the sales and use tax. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB1857/HB1874) [See Appendix "K"]
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, allows a teacher holding the teacher's second or third teaching permit to apply to the department of education for a limited license to continue teaching the course or subject area taught pursuant to the teacher's current temporary permit; not applicable to a limited license to teach a physical education class, a course for which an end-of-course examination is required, or a special education course; adds other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 5. (SB1864/HB1899)
- Criminal Offenses As enacted, requires hospitals, clinics, and persons, including doctors and nurses, who are called upon to render aid to a person suffering from the effects of a fatal drug overdose to report the drug overdose to the appropriate chief of police or sheriff and district attorney general, to the extent allowed by state and federal law. Amends TCA Title 38; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB1891/HB1905)
- 1095 Children's Services, Dept. of As enacted, requires department's case managers to report a suspected violation of a court order to law enforcement in certain circumstances. Amends TCA Title 36; Title 37 and Section 39-13-113. (SB1912/HB2022)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, adds that if a teacher, for the current evaluation year, does not have access to individual growth data representative of student growth due to changes in academic standards or assessment design requiring standards validation or standards setting in the teacher's content or subject area, then 15 percent of the teacher's evaluation criteria must be comprised of student achievement data based on other measures of student achievement and 85 percent must be comprised of scores derived from the state board approved evaluation model for the qualitative portion of the teacher's evaluation unless using the current evaluation criteria results in a higher final evaluation score for the teacher. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3. (SB1986/HB2000)
- DUI Offenses As enacted, imposes certain requirements on a contract service provider, which is a private entity that enters into a written contract or agreement with a government entity of this state to provide supervision, counseling, or collection services for offenders using an electronic monitoring device, excluding ignition interlock providers. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 40; Title 55 and Title 69. (SB2000/HB2040)

- Judicial Districts As enacted, establishes an advisory task force to recommend a proposed statewide judicial redistricting plan. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 16; Title 17 and Title 18. (SB2011/HB1832)
- Health, Dept. of As enacted, authorizes the department, as allowed via federal department of agriculture waiver of the physical presence requirement, to utilize remote use of the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children at a substantially similar level as has been available during calendar years 2020, 2021, and 2022; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB2043/HB2565)
- 1100 Local Government, General As enacted, prohibits political subdivisions of this state from, arising from or as a result of a local action, prohibiting the development and implementation of the types or sources of energy that may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by certain entities; enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 13; Title 65 and Title 68. (SB2077/HB2246) [See Appendix "B"]
- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs As enacted, increases, from \$1,250 to \$2,000, the amount awarded each semester to a full-time student receiving the middle college scholarship. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. (SB2081/HB2226)
- Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Broadband Investment Maximization Act of 2022." Amends TCA Title 4; Title 65 and Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB2480/HB2608)
- Taxes, Gasoline, Petroleum Products As enacted, increases from 0.5344 percent to 0.88 percent the portion of the state gasoline tax apportioned for distribution to the wildlife resources fund; specifies that in addition to any other purposes authorized by law for which such funds may be used, the gas tax funds apportioned to the wildlife resources fund must also be used for public and environmental infrastructure at marinas. Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 3 and Title 67, Chapter 6. (SB2078/HB2030)
- 1104 Taxes, Sales As enacted, revises provisions governing the sales and use tax exemption for qualified farmers and nurserymen in regard to certain farm equipment and machinery used in agricultural operations. Amends TCA Title 67. (SB905/HB1405)
- Litter Control As enacted, includes as a form of littering for any commercial purposes, which is considered aggravated criminal littering, the act of knowingly placing, dropping, or throwing two or more tires on public or private property without permission and without immediately removing the tires; punishable as a Class A misdemeanor or Class E felony based on weight/volume and prior convictions, except that a first offense involving more than eight tires placed, dropped, or thrown for a commercial purpose will be a Class E felony. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 5; Title 55 and Title 68, Chapter 211. (SB2012/HB1833)
- Animal Cruelty and Abuse As enacted, enacts "Joker's Law," which revises the offense of knowingly and unlawfully killing a police dog, fire dog, search and rescue dog, service animal, or police horse without the owner's effective consent; adds provisions regarding knowingly and unlawfully causing serious injury to such an animal; revises and enacts other related provisions. Amends TCA Section 37-1-134 and Title 39, Chapter 14. (SB2013/HB1646)
- Education, Higher As enacted, revises various provisions governing the Tennessee student assistance corporation (TSAC) and financial aid. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2019/HB2094)

- Health, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department to collaborate with the bureau of TennCare in order to study existing doula certification programs; requires that a report on the study be provided to the members of the general assembly and to the legislative librarian by December 31, 2022. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 71. (SB2150/HB2109)
- Real Property As enacted, enacts the "Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act." Amends TCA Title 29, Chapter 27 and Title 66. (SB2167/HB2612)
- Tobacco, Tobacco Products As enacted, authorizes local governments to regulate, including the prohibition of, smoking and the use of vapor products in age-restricted venues; defines the terms "age-restricted venue" and "retail tobacco store" for the purposes of the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco, Smoking Hemp, and Vapor Products Act; prohibits local governments from regulating smoking and the use of vapor products in retail vapor product stores and cigar bars; exempts cigar bars that limit access to patrons 21 years of age or older from the prohibition on smoking in enclosed places. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7 and Title 39. (SB2219/HB2705) [See Appendix "F"]
- 1111 Utilities, Utility Districts As enacted, requires certain utilities to prepare and implement a cyber security plan to provide for the protection of the utility's facilities from unauthorized use, alteration, ransom, or destruction of electronic data and imposes certain requirements on the comptroller in regard to such plans; requires public utilities that provide electric, water, wastewater, or natural gas services to prepare and implement a cyber security plan and imposes certain requirements on the public utilities commission in regard to such plans. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 7; Title 47, Chapter 18; Title 64; Title 65; Title 67 and Title 68. (SB2282/HB2346)
- 1112 Medical Occupations As enacted, makes various changes to the qualifications for certification as a medication aide by the board of nursing. Amends TCA Title 63. (SB2295/HB2545)
- Public Employees As enacted, authorizes the state treasurer to develop, implement, and administer a program to award grants to eligible employers for the purpose of funding of a length of service award program. Amends TCA Section 8-25-115. (SB2342/HB2384)
- Railroads As enacted, requires TACIR to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the potential for passenger rail service linking the major cities in each of the grand divisions of the state. Amends TCA Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 65. (SB2343/HB2380)
- Sexual Offenses As enacted, raises the age of a victim whose testimony the court may allow to be taken outside the courtroom by means of two-way closed circuit television from "13 or younger" to "under 18 years of age"; adds human trafficking offenses to those for which a court must extend an order of protection for a definite period of time if the allegation is proved by a preponderance of the evidence; makes various other changes relative to human trafficking; revises the penalties for involuntary servitude, promoting prostitution, and patronizing prostitution; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 24; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39 and Title 40. (SB2400/HB2147)
- Lottery, Scholarships and Programs As enacted, revises various provisions governing lottery-funded scholarships and financial aid. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9. (SB2405/HB2152)
- Tort Liability and Reform As enacted, extends termination date from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023, for limitations on claims against a person for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19. Amends TCA Section 9-8-307; Title 14, Chapter 5; Title 29, Chapter 20 and Section 49-7-159. (SB2448/HB2671)

- Health Care As enacted, requires the comptroller of the treasury, in conjunction with the bureau of TennCare and the department of health, to study the use of temporary staffing provided by healthcare staffing agencies in long-term care facilities; requires that the study examine the effects that costs of temporary staffing have upon the TennCare program and upon assisted-care living facilities, and practices that may improve the quality of long-term care for residents while reducing costs to the TennCare program. Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5. (SB2463/HB2347)
- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities As enacted, renames the health services and development agency as the health facilities commission; designates references to the health services and development agency in state law as references to the health facilities commission; requests the Tennessee code commission to amend references to the health services and development agency to the health facilities commission; requires the board of licensing health facilities to report to the health facilities commission instead of the department of health in the matter of licensing healthcare facilities; revises certain certificate of need provisions; revises other related provisions. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB2466/HB2500)
- Judicial Districts As enacted, requires that judges of the supreme court, court of appeals, chancery courts, circuit courts, criminal courts, and courts exercising the jurisdiction imposed in one or more of the chancery courts, circuit courts or criminal courts be in good standing with the board of responsibility not have been publicly censured by the board of professional responsibility or suspended or disbarred from the practice of law within the 10 years preceding the judge's term of office for engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Amends TCA Title 8; Title 16; Title 17 and Title 37. (SB2478/HB2538)
- Professions and Occupations As enacted, enacts "Dallas's Law," which revises various provisions governing security guards/officers. Amends TCA Title 29; Title 57 and Title 62, Chapter 35. (SB2514/HB2283) [See Appendix "H"]
- Salaries and Benefits As enacted, revises the pay schedule in Tennessee Code Annotated for assistant district attorneys and assistant district public defenders. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 14 and Title 8, Chapter 7. (SB2522/HB2762)
- Hospitals and Health Care Facilities As enacted, requires nursing homes and assisted-care living facilities to permit at least one family member or resident representative who meets certain conditions to visit a resident of the facility during end-of-life situations if a disaster, emergency, or public health emergency for COVID-19 has been declared. Amends TCA Title 14 and Title 68, Chapter 11. (SB2574/HB2535)
- Railroads As enacted, requires TACIR to prepare a report surveying projects initiated over the past 10 years involving the initiation of new state-sponsored Amtrak intercity passenger rail. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 10; Title 4, Chapter 23; Title 7; Title 9; Title 54; Title 55; Title 64 and Title 65. (SB2602/HB2278)
- Scholarships and Financial Aid As enacted, specifies that a student who graduates early from an eligible high school, or who completes high school at an eligible home school early, or who obtains an equivalency diploma before the spring semester immediately preceding the student's initial fall enrollment, and is admitted to, and enrolled full time in, an eligible postsecondary program, is eligible for the Tennessee promise scholarship. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 4. (SB2631/HB2436)

- Children As enacted, revises various provisions governing child care agencies; enacts provisions governing nontraditional child care agencies. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 49; Title 50; Title 55; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71. (SB2729/HB27116)
- Human Rights Commission As enacted, vacates and reconstitutes the membership of the Tennessee human rights commission effective September 1, 2022, and makes other changes concerning the commission. Amends TCA Title 4; Section 8-50-103 and Section 68-1-113. (SB2774/HB2877)
- Real Property As enacted, prohibits regional and municipal planning commissions, in exercising their platting power, from requiring an owner of private property to dedicate real property to the public, or pay money to a public entity in an amount that is determined on an individual and discretionary basis, unless there is an essential nexus between the dedication or payment and a legitimate local government interest and the dedication or payment is roughly proportional both in nature and extent to the impact of the proposed use or development of the property. Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 13; Title 29, Chapter 17; Title 29, Chapter 16; Title 62; Title 65 and Title 66. (SB2849/HB2274)
- Public Utilities As enacted, requires a utility system, upon request or application for a connection of utility service by a customer, to promptly provide the customer the connection cost. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 65 and Title 67. (SB2852/HB1987)
- Appropriations As enacted, makes appropriations for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022. (SB2897/HB2882)
- Budget Procedures As enacted, increases, for FY22-23, the state employer match to 200 percent of the amount contributed by each state employee to the state's 401(k) plan per month, up to a maximum of \$100 per month; exempts from sales tax the retail sale of food and food ingredients sold between Monday, August 1, 2022, and Wednesday, August 31, 2022; makes additional statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act. Amends TCA Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 11; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 56; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71. (SB2898/HB2883) [See Appendix "K"]
- Appropriations As enacted, authorizes the index of appropriations from state tax revenues for 2021-2022 fiscal year to exceed the index of estimated growth in the state's economy by \$2,997,600,000 or 16.08 percent. (SB2899/HB2884)
- Bond Issues As enacted, authorizes the state to issue and sell bonds of up to \$583.5 million; cancels the bonds authorized by Chapter 758, Public Acts of 2020; allocates proceeds of \$500 million of bonds to the department of finance and administration to provide funds for the purpose of making a grant to Nashville/Davidson County for the construction of a domed sports stadium. (SB2901/HB2886)
- DUI Offenses As enacted, requires a court, in setting bail for a defendant charged with driving under the influence of an intoxicant or another offense in which alcohol was involved, to require the person to operate only a motor vehicle equipped with a functioning ignition interlock device unless such an order would not be in the best interest of justice. Amends TCA Title 40, Chapter 11.

(SB882/HB1188)

- Controlled Substances As enacted, adds tianeptine and any salt, sulfate, free acid, or other preparation of tianeptine, and any salt, sulfate, free acid, compound, derivative, precursor, or preparation thereof that is substantially chemically equivalent or identical with tianeptine, as a schedule II controlled substance; specifies that a violation of the offense of knowingly possessing or casually exchanging a controlled substance (unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of professional practice), will be a Class A misdemeanor with respect to a person knowingly possessing or casually exchanging, tianeptine and any salt, sulfate, free acid, or other preparation of tianeptine and any salt, sulfate, free acid, compound, derivative, precursor, or other preparation thereof that is substantially chemically equivalent or identical with tianeptine. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. (SB1997/HB2043)
- 1136 Criminal Offenses As enacted, requires that a person convicted of aggravated assault that involved the use or display of a deadly weapon be punished one classification higher than otherwise provided by law if the violation was committed by discharging a firearm from within a motor vehicle. Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 13. (SB2087/HB2009)
- Textbooks As enacted, expands the membership of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission; requires the commission to issue guidance for LEAs and public charter schools to use when reviewing materials in a library collection; creates other duties in regard to library collections. Amends TCA Title 39; Title 49 and Chapter 264 of the Acts of 1909. (SB2247/HB2666) [See Appendix "C"]
- Health Care As enacted, creates a healthcare task force to review the reimbursement of health professionals employed by agencies performing health care services in this state. Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 33; Title 63 and Title 71. (SB2304/HB2213)
- Taxes As enacted, updates the definition of a certified green energy production facility to include the storage of electricity for purposes of calculating a minimum tax base for the franchise tax or for a pollution control credit. Amends TCA Section 67-4-2004(9); Section 67-4-2108(a)(5)(C) and Section 67-6-346. (SB2350/HB2265)
- Sheriffs As enacted, requires the Tennessee sheriffs' association to provide a criminal proceedings notification system, as a three-year pilot program that will begin July 1, 2022, and end June 30, 2025, for the purpose of increasing the transparency and efficiency of the criminal justice process by providing timely information about each stage of the criminal process to interested parties; requires that the criminal proceedings notification system be available 24 hours a day over the telephone, through the internet, or by email. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 16; Title 40 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 6. (SB2377/HB2367)
- Teachers, Principals and School Personnel As enacted, establishes qualifications necessary to receive an occupational teaching license. Amends TCA Title 49. (SB2442/HB2455)
- 1142 Criminal Offenses As enacted, creates a Class E felony of an employer influencing or attempting to influence an employee who is a public servant to vote or not to vote in a particular manner or to resign as a public servant or unnecessarily recuse themselves from a public body with the intent to influence the action or inaction of a public body; creates a cause of action for unlawful discharge of an employee who is a public servant. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 39 and Title 50. (SB2445/HB2677)

- Motor Vehicles, Titling and Registration As enacted, creates a waiver for the registration fee for a Class A or Class B motor vehicle upon the renewal of the motor vehicle's registration if the renewal occurs during the period of time beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Amends TCA Title 5, Chapter 8, Part 1; Title 55 and Title 67. (SB2491/HB2640) [See Appendix "K"]
- Election Laws As enacted, requires that, on and after January 1, 2024, each voting machine used by a county election commission produce a voter-verifiable paper audit trail, instead of being capable of producing a voter-verified paper audit trail. Amends TCA Title 2. (SB2558/HB2331) [See Appendix "A"]
- Education, Dept. of As enacted, requires the department to design and adopt a certificate of licensure for issuance to educators who have met the requirements for licensure established by the state board of education; requires that the certificate of licensure present an educator's licensure information in a format suitable for framing. Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 5. (SB2583/HB2703)
- Pensions and Retirement Benefits As enacted, creates a task force to study retirement benefits for law enforcement officers. Amends TCA Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35 and Title 8, Chapter 36. (SB2872/HB2572)

## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 55**

Constitutional Amendments – Proposes amendment to remove Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee, which provides that no minister of the gospel, or priest of any denomination whatsoever, shall be eligible to a seat in either house of the legislature. [See Appendix "M"]

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 913

Constitutional Amendments – Proposes an amendment to Article II, Section 31 of the Constitution of Tennessee authorizing the governing body or state official charged with carrying out the purpose or objectives of a fund or trust that is administered or invested by the Treasury and that contains state funds, in whole or in part, to adopt, with approval of the Treasurer and the Comptroller of the Treasury, an investment policy to authorize all or part of such fund or trust to be invested such that the state would become an owner, in whole or in part, of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, or corporation.. [See Appendix "M"]

# **APPENDIX "A"**

## **ELECTIONS**

In 2022, the 112th General Assembly passed several noteworthy bills concerning elections. Public Chapters 596, 597, and 598 created new legislative district boundaries. Public Chapter 857 established residency requirements for individuals who seek to qualify as a candidate in a primary election for congress. Public Chapter 947 addressed consent decrees to change state election laws or rules, and standing to bring an action against a state officials for violating election laws. Public Chapter 965 changed the manner in which the secretary of state and county election commissions must audit state and local elections. Public Chapter 1144 requires that each voting machine used by a county election commission produce a voter-verifiable paper audit trail.

## Public Chapters 596, 597, AND 598

Public Chapter 596 established state senate districts based on the results of the 2020 United States decennial census, as required by Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution of Tennessee. Public Chapter 597 established Tennessee's congressional districts based on the results of the 2020 United States decennial census. Public Chapter 598 established state house of representative districts based on the results of the 2020 United States decennial census, as required by Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution of Tennessee. Public Chapters 596, 597, and 598 took effect February 6, 2022.

#### Public Chapter 857

Public Chapter 857 requires that a person meet the residency requirements for state senators and representatives contained in the Constitution of Tennessee to qualify as a candidate in a primary election for United States senate or for member of the United States house of representatives. Article II, Sections 9 and 10 of the Constitution of Tennessee, establish residency requirements for members of the General Assembly. Generally, in order to serve as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives or Senate, a person must have been a citizen of Tennessee for three years, and a resident in the county or district, as applicable, the person represents for one year, immediately preceding the election.

Public Chapter 857 became law without the Governor's signature pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. Public Chapter 857 took effect April 13, 2022.

#### Public Chapter 947

Public Chapter 947 requires state officials and county election officials to consult with the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives prior to entering into consent decrees to change state election laws or rules.

Public Chapter 947 specifies that the General Assembly has legal standing to file an action against state officials and county election officials for violating the consultation requirement.

## Public Chapter 965

Public Chapter 965 added to and revised various provisions of state law regarding audits of state and local elections.

Under prior law, following each November general election, any county election commission utilizing a precinct-based optical scanner was required to conduct automatic mandatory audits of the voter-verified paper ballots cast for the president of the United States in a presidential election and the governor in a gubernatorial election, referred to as the "top race."

Public Chapter 965 revised the audit requirement to instead provide the following:

- (1) Starting with the first election in 2024, the secretary of state must randomly select county election commissions that must conduct an audit after each August and November election;
- (2) The selection must occur on election day, and the coordinator of elections must notify the selected county election commissions. County election commissions must provide public notice of the time and location of the audit at least 48 hours before the audit is conducted;
- (3) After each August election, the secretary of state must select at least three counties to audit; and after each November election, the secretary of state must select at least six counties to audit;
- (4) The secretary of state must select the audit methodology to be used in each selected county, from either a traditional tabulation audit, risk-limiting audit, or performance audit;
- (5) Staff of the division of elections responsible for training on how to conduct the audits must attend training regarding the United States government accountability office's generally accepted government auditing standards;
- (6) Following each August and November election, a county election commission utilizing a precinct-based optical scanner and not selected for audit must conduct automatic mandatory audits of the voter-verified paper ballots cast for the top race on the ballot, as described in (7) and (8);
- (7) For a November election, the county election commission must conduct automatic mandatory audits for the president of the United States in a presidential election and the governor in a gubernatorial election;
- (8) For an August election, the county election commission must conduct automatic mandatory audits for the highest race for county office;
  - (9) A county election commission may select one or more additional races to be audited;
- (10) The county election commission will prepare for the audit in the same manner as set out in present law, with some revisions made by Public Chapter 965, including revisions to account for the auditing of additional races. Other revisions to the manner for preparing for the audit include a requirement that at least one optical scan tabulator used to count election day ballots must be used to audit early voting ballots,

and at least one optical scan tabulator used to count early voting ballots must be used to audit election day ballots;

- (11) If all of the ballots in a race are counted as part of the manual hand count audit, the results of the hand count audit must be used as the official results to be certified by the county election commission;
- (12) A county election commission not selected for audit by the secretary of state as described above, and not required to conduct an audit under item (6) after the November election must conduct a performance audit following the certification of each November election. The performance audit must include, but not be limited to, a review of the procedures for absentee by-mail ballots requested, transmitted, and returned. The secretary of state must randomly select six counties where the performance audit will be conducted by the division of elections. Performance audits conducted by the county election commission must be completed by the 90th day after the election is certified. A report of the performance audit must be submitted to the secretary of state;
- (13) For elections in 2022 and 2024, expenses incurred by a county election commission or its members in the performance of its audit duties must be paid out of the state treasury upon the certification of the chair and secretary of the county election commission to the secretary of state; provided, that the secretary of state must review the claim and only those items certified by the secretary of state to the comptroller of the treasury must be paid. County election commissions will be eligible for a reimbursement of their actual costs, not to exceed \$50.00 in audit set up costs per machine and 35 cents per ballot audited;
- (14) At the same time machines are inspected, voting machine technicians must certify in writing that the proper firmware is loaded on each unit of voting equipment and that system settings are correct;
- (15) The coordinator of elections is authorized to define the method and type of watermark to be placed on an absentee ballot pursuant to present law, and authorizes the use of invisible ink or pre-printed opaque images to produce the watermark; and
- (16) Election commissions must post, in any polling place where precinct-based optical scanners are utilized, instructions stating, "Please check the recorded votes on your ballot before inserting into scanner."

Public Chapter 965 also adds audit requirements that will apply only to elections occurring in Williamson County during 2022, as follows:

- (1) Following each county election in Williamson County, the Williamson County election commission must conduct automatic mandatory audits of the voter verified paper ballots cast in each election conducted in 2022;
- (2) After the November 2022 election, the commission must audit ballots for the governor in a gubernatorial election. The commission may select additional races to be audited;
- (3) After the August 2022 and May 2022 elections, the county election commission must audit ballots for the contested election to the highest countywide office. The commission may select additional races to be audited;

- (4) For any other election, the county election commission must select one or more races in which more than one candidate is running to be audited; and
- (5) The county election commission must prepare to conduct the audit in a manner similar to those set out for local elections audits in Public Chapter 965.

The provisions applicable only to Williamson County and described above in (1)-(5) will be deleted on January 1, 2023.

Public Chapter 965 took effect May 2, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1144

Public Chapter 1144 requires that, on and after January 1, 2024, each voting machine used by a county election commission must produce a voter-verifiable paper audit trail, instead of "being capable" of producing a voter-verified paper audit trail. A county election commission will remain eligible to apply to the coordinator of elections for an extension of up to two years if necessary to comply with such requirement. Public Chapter 1144 defines "voter-verifiable paper audit trail" to mean a paper record that is marked either manually by the voter or with the assistance of a device that includes human-readable voter selections that the voter may check for accuracy before the vote is cast.

Public Chapter 1144 took effect June 3, 2022.

# **APPENDIX "B"**

#### **ENERGY**

In 2022, the 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly passed several pieces of legislation concerning energy. Of particular note were Public Chapters 706, 866, and 1100. Public Chapter 706 enacted the "Tennessee Natural Gas Innovation Act." Public Chapter 866 established requirements for solar power facility agreements. Public Chapter 1100 limits the ability of local governments to prohibit the development and implementation of energy sources under certain circumstances.

#### Public Chapter 706

Public Chapter 706 authorizes a public utility to request, and the Tennessee public utilities commission to authorize, a mechanism to recover the costs related to the use or development of infrastructure to facilitate use of innovative natural gas resources for natural gas utility customers, if the commission finds that the costs are in the public interest. For purposes of Public Chapter 706, "innovative natural gas resources" include, but are not limited to, farm gas, biogas, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, carbon capture, qualified offsets, renewable natural gas attributes, responsibly sourced gas (RSG), and energy efficiency resources.

The full text of Public Chapter 706 specifies various financial components that may be included in a cost recovery mechanism that the commission authorizes.

Public Chapter 706 requires the commission to grant recovery and authorize a separate recovery mechanism, or adjust rates through a utility's existing annual review process, to recover operational expenses or capital costs, or both, associated with the investment in natural gas innovation resources, including a return on the innovative natural gas resource capital investments, utilizing, at a minimum, the authorized return on equity approved by the commission at the public utility's most recent general rate case, upon a finding that the mechanism or adjustment is in the public interest.

Public Chapter 706 limits an incremental rate adjustment due to the investment in innovative natural gas resources at two percent of a utility's latest approved annual revenue requirement.

Under Public Chapter 706, incremental innovative natural gas costs to procure innovative natural gas resources from third parties may be reflected in a utility's purchased gas adjustment; provided, the total incremental natural gas cost cannot exceed three percent of the annual cost of gas. The full text of Public Chapter 706 specifies the formula for establishing a recovery cap.

Public Chapter 706 took effect March 18, 2022.

## Public Chapter 866

Public Chapter 866 defines "solar power facility agreement" to mean a lease or easement agreement for real property between a grantee and a landowner for the construction, installation and operation of all or a part of a solar power facility on such real property that generates electricity primarily for use and consumption off the premises. Public Chapter 866 defines "solar power facility" to mean, collectively, a device or structure, or series thereof, that provides for the collection of solar energy for electricity

generation, together with all facilities and equipment, other than any facility or equipment owned by a public utility, located proximate to and in support of the operation of such electricity generation device or structure. For purposes of Public Chapter 866, a solar-generating device or structure that is less than 10 megawatts in size, measured in alternating current at the point of interconnection to the electrical grid, is not a solar power facility unless the application thereof is expressly provided for in the solar power facility agreement.

Public Chapter 866 requires that all solar power facility agreements:

- (1) Provide, at a minimum, that the grantee must, upon or prior to the expiration or termination of the solar power facility agreement, safely remove or cause the removal of all components of the solar power facility located on the premises, except for any electrical or communications lines buried more than three feet below the surface grade of the land, and restore the land comprising the premises to, as near as reasonably possible, its condition as of the date of the commencement of construction of the solar power facility; and
- (2) Either contain or provide that the grantee must deliver to the landowner a decommissioning plan detailing the grantee's plan for performing or causing the performance of the obligations in item (1) above.

Public Chapter 866 also requires that a solar power facility agreement require the grantee to obtain and deliver to the landowner financial assurance in the following amounts to secure the performance of the grantee's removal and restoration obligations:

- (1) No less than five percent of the decommissioning cost on the date the solar power facility commences commercial operation;
- (2) No less than 50 percent of the decommissioning cost on the tenth anniversary of the date the solar power facility commences commercial operation; and
- (3) No less than the decommissioning cost on the fifteenth anniversary of the date the solar power facility commences commercial operation.

Public Chapter 866 requires that acceptable forms of financial assurance be set forth in the solar power facility agreement and sets out in detail the acceptable forms of such financial assurance, which include, among other forms of assurance, cash and surety bonds.

Public Chapter 866 specifies that a landowner has the right to expressly extend the date the financial assurance is first delivered to the landowner to no later than the fifteenth anniversary of the date the solar power facility commences commercial operation. Public Chapter 866 further specifies that it does not prohibit a local government from regulating solar power facilities pursuant to its zoning authority, except that a local government may not impose removal or restoration obligations or require financial assurance securing such obligations that are more stringent than or additional to those provided for in Public Chapter 866.

A provision of a solar power facility agreement that purports to waive a right or exempt a grantee from a liability or duty established by Public Chapter 866 is void unless the landowner and the grantee are

affiliated entities. A person who is harmed by a violation of Public Chapter 866 may seek relief pursuant to a declaratory judgment.

Public Chapter 866 specifies that it only applies to solar power facility agreements initially entered into on or after June 1, 2022. If a grantee and landowner agree to amend a solar power facility agreement initially entered into before June 1, 2022, the parties may agree that the rights and obligations established by Public Chapter 866 will govern such amended agreements.

Public Chapter 866 took effect June 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 1100

Public Chapter 1100 prohibits political subdivisions of this state from restricting, prohibiting, or otherwise impairing the development and implementation of the types or sources of energy that may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by the following entities:

- (1) An electric utility, an electric cooperative, or an electric system that is owned or operated by a political subdivision;
- (2) An entity that generates, sells, or transmits electrical energy in accordance with all applicable requirements of state and federal law;
  - (3) A gas utility or a gas system that is owned or operated by a political subdivision;
  - (4) A gas transmission company;
- (5) A liquified petroleum gas dealer, liquified petroleum gas dispenser, or liquified petroleum gas cylinder exchange operator; or
  - (6) Other liquid petroleum transmission, distribution, retail, or storage entities.

Public Chapter 1100 preempts and declares void a local action of a political subdivision that directly or indirectly, is or acts as:

- (1) A de facto prohibition of the siting, or a prohibition of construction, expansion, or maintenance, of energy, industrial, or related transportation infrastructure within the jurisdictional boundary of a political subdivision;
- (2) Regulation or enforcement of safety standards for interstate or intrastate pipeline facilities or interstate or intrastate pipeline transportation as those terms are defined in federal law; or
- (3) A prohibition or restriction on the ability of a distributor, retailer, wholesaler, or other energy or industrial infrastructure entity to exercise its rights provided by state or federal law related to the siting of energy infrastructure or related industrial infrastructure.

Public Chapter 1100 specifies that its provisions do not prevent or preempt:

(1) A political subdivision that owns or operates an electric or natural gas system from promulgating necessary rules, regulations, or policies related to the electric or natural gas system;

- (2) A local action that is state-authorized, ministerial in nature pertaining to land use, generally applicable to similar types of commercial activities and industrial activities, and necessary to provide a public benefit;
- (3) A local action that affects facilities for the transmission, distribution, collection, conversion, and use of solar energy;
- (4) A local action to require a franchise from a political subdivision prior to providing electric or natural gas services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision;
- (5) A local action to grant, deny, amend, or revoke a franchise to provide electric or natural gas services within the jurisdictional boundaries of the political subdivision;
- (6) A local action to establish, maintain, or enforce exclusive service areas for the provision of electric or natural gas services in accordance with state law;
- (7) A local action arising from authority granted to administer a program in lieu of the department of environment and conservation regarding protection of human health, safety, or the environment if the grant of authority is authorized by federal or state law or rule;
- (8) A local action arising from a permit or coverage under a permit issued by the department of environment and conservation or a permit by rule;
- (9) A local action arising from the groundwater protection program or the drinking water program administered by the department of environment and conservation; or
- (10) A local action that is reasonable police powers of a political subdivision to regulate the siting, construction, maintenance, or expansion of energy or industrial infrastructure along, over, or under the highways and streets within the political subdivision's corporate limits in order to reduce or prevent the risk of an imminent and substantial threat to human safety from the performance of those activities, including a political subdivision's right to charge reasonable, cost-based compensation for the use of the political subdivision's highways and streets. However:
- (A) A political subdivision does not have the right to prevent or prohibit a distributor, retailer, or wholesaler from constructing, expanding, or maintaining energy or industrial infrastructure within the limits of the political subdivision, so long as the energy or industrial infrastructure is being constructed, maintained, or expanded within the political subdivision in accordance with reasonable police powers regulations; and
- (B) Public Chapter 1100 does not grant police powers to a political subdivision on matters of siting, construction, maintenance, or expansion of energy or industrial infrastructure subject to regulation by state or federal agencies.

The full text of Public Chapter 1100 further specifies various jurisdictional and regulatory rights and powers that are not affected by its provisions.

Public Chapter 1100 took effect July 1, 2022.

# APPENDIX "C"

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS

During the 2022 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly passed two bills that address materials that are made available in public school libraries. Public Chapter 744 enacted the "Age-Appropriate Materials Act of 2022." Public Chapter 1137 made several changes to existing law concerning school libraries, including, but not limited to, expanding the membership of the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission and requiring the commission to issue guidance for LEAs and public charter schools to use when reviewing materials in a library collection.

#### **PUBLIC CHAPTER 744**

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, Public Chapter 744 requires each school operated by a local education agency and each public charter school to maintain a current list of the materials in the school's library collection and have the list posted on the school's website.

Public Chapter 744 requires each local board of education and public charter school governing body to adopt a policy for developing and reviewing school library collections by the 2022-2023 school year. The policy must include:

- (1) A procedure for the development of a library collection at each school that is appropriate for the age and maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, and that is suitable for, and consistent with, the educational mission of the school;
- (2) A procedure for the local board of education or public charter school governing body to receive and evaluate feedback from a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee regarding one or more of the materials in the library collection of the student's or employee's school; and
- (3) A procedure to periodically review the library collection at each school to ensure that the school's library collection contains materials appropriate for the age and maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, and that is suitable for, and consistent with, the educational mission of the school.

Public Chapter 744 requires a local board of education or public charter school governing body to evaluate each material for which feedback is provided to determine whether the material is appropriate; if the material is not appropriate, then the school must remove the material from the library collection.

Public Chapter 744 took effect March 24, 2022.

#### Public Chapter 1137

Current law establishes the state textbook and instructional materials quality commission. Under prior law, the commission consisted of the following ten members:

- (1) A director of schools appointed by the speaker of the senate;
- (2) A teacher or instructional supervisor in grades four through eight appointed by the speaker of the senate;

- (3) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the speaker of the senate;
  - (4) A director of schools appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (5) A teacher or instructional supervisor in grades kindergarten through three appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (6) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
  - (7) A principal appointed by the governor;
  - (8) A teacher in grades nine-12 appointed by the governor;
  - (9) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the governor; and
- (10) The commissioner of education, or a deputy or assistant commissioner of education serving as the commissioner's designee, who serves as a non-voting member.

Public Chapter 1137 increased the commission's membership to 13 members, including:

- (1) A director of schools, or person with a valid instructional leader license, appointed by the speaker of the senate;
- (2) A teacher or instructional supervisor in grades four through eight, or a retired teacher or retired instructional supervisor who taught or supervised grades four through eight, appointed by the speaker of the senate;
  - (3) A school librarian or a retired school librarian appointed by the speaker of the senate;
- (4) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the speaker of the senate:
- (5) A director of schools, or person with a valid instructional leader license, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (6) A teacher or instructional supervisor in grades kindergarten through three, or a retired teacher or retired instructional supervisor who taught or supervised grades kindergarten through three, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (7) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (8) A school librarian or a retired school librarian appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
  - (9) A principal appointed by the governor;
  - (10) A teacher in grades nine-12 appointed by the governor;

- (11) A citizen member who is not employed in the public K-12 system appointed by the governor;
- (12) The commissioner of education, or a deputy or assistant commissioner of education serving as the commissioner's designee, who serves as a non-voting member; and
- (13) The Tennessee state library coordinator, who serves as an ex officio non-voting member. The Tennessee state library coordinator is a new position that was created by Chapter 1048 of the Public Acts of 2022.

Public Chapter 1137 added the following to the commission's duties:

- (1) Issue guidance for LEAs and public charter schools to use when reviewing materials in a library collection to ensure that the materials are appropriate for the age and maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, and that the materials are suitable for, and consistent with, the educational mission of the school. The guidance must be issued to LEAs and public charter schools no later than December 1, 2022, and annually reviewed and updated by the commission by each December 1 thereafter;
- (2) Assist LEAs and public charter schools in evaluating the appropriateness of materials in a library collection for which the LEA or public charter school has received feedback from a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee challenging or questioning the appropriateness of materials that are under review by the LEA or public charter school;
- (3) Assist LEAs and public charter schools in responding to feedback, complaints, or appeals challenging the appropriateness of materials contained in the library collection of one or more of the LEA's schools, or of the public charter school, that have been filed with the LEA or public charter school as part of a review or appeals process established by the policies of the respective LEA or public charter school, if applicable; and
- (4) Establish a timeline and process for a student, a student's parent or guardian, or a school employee to appeal a determination made by the student's or employee's local board of education or public charter school governing body that materials in the student's or employee's school's library collection are inappropriate for the age or maturity levels of the students who may access the materials, or that the materials are not suitable for, or are otherwise inconsistent with, the educational mission of the school, resulting in the materials' removal from the school's library collection. The commission is authorized to limit the number of appeals with respect to a particular material, the number of appeals that an individual may file within a particular time frame, and the number of removed materials for which an appeal may be filed at one time.

Public Chapter 1137 took effect June 3, 2022.

# APPENDIX "D"

### **COMBATTING DRUG OVERDOSES**

During its 2022 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly passed several noteworthy pieces of legislation to address the issue of drug overdoses. Public Chapter 749 made various changes to the law concerning prescribing and use of opioid antagonists. Public Chapter 764 decriminalized the possession of drug testing equipment under certain circumstances. Public Chapter 881 limits the circumstances under which buprenorphine may be prescribed via telehealth. Public Chapter 1061 requires a healthcare prescriber to offer a prescription for an opioid antagonist, or similar drug, to each patient prescribed an opioid, subject to certain circumstances.

## Public Chapter 749

Existing law authorizes licensed health care practitioners with the authority to prescribe an opioid antagonist to prescribe an opioid antagonist to:

- (1) A person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose; or
- (2) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose.

Public Chapter 749 added to existing law by:

- (1) Authorizing persons who prescribed an opioid antagonist under present law to also prescribe another similarly acting and equally safe drug approved by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of a "drug-related overdose" instead of only for an "opiate-related overdose"; and
- (2) Adding authorization for the prescribing of a drug antagonist described in (1) to, and use of such an antagonist by, an organization, or municipal or county entity, for the purpose of providing a drug antagonist to an individual to whom the antagonist could have been prescribed under existing law. Public Chapter 749 extended immunity from civil liability for administering a drug antagonist to persons authorized to do so by this (2) so long as the person's actions do not constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Public Chapter 749 deleted provisions of prior law concerning a health care prescriber establishing good faith for prescribing a drug antagonist by requiring a written communication from the person to whom the prescription is issued. Public Chapter 749 also deleted a provision of prior law specifying how a person who was prescribed an opioid antagonist and administers it to another person can establish that the person used reasonable care in such administration.

Public Chapter 749 expanded the definition of "opioid antagonist" to include similarly acting and equally safe drugs approved by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of a drug-related overdose.

Public Chapter 749 took effect July 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 764

Current law defines "drug paraphernalia" to mean all equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body, a controlled substance." Public Chapter 764 excluded narcotic testing equipment used to determine whether a controlled substance contains a synthetic opioid from the definition of "drug paraphernalia" for purposes of determining whether a person commits an offense under the Tennessee Drug Control Act of 1989. The exception added by Public Chapter 764 will not apply if the narcotic testing equipment is possessed for purposes of the defendant's commission of a drug-related criminal offense involving the manufacture, delivery, or sale of a controlled substance.

Public Chapter 764 took effect March 31, 2022, and the exception it added is repealed on July 1, 2025.

## Public Chapter 881

Public Chapter 881 prohibits a healthcare provider who is authorized to prescribe buprenorphine under federal law from prescribing via telehealth a buprenorphine product, as approved by the federal food and drug administration for use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment, unless:

- (1) The healthcare provider is employed by or contracted with:
- (A) A licensed nonresidential office-based opiate treatment facility or licensed nonresidential opioid treatment program;
  - (B) A community mental health center;
  - (C) A federally qualified health center;
  - (D) A licensed hospital; or
  - (E) The bureau of TennCare's comprehensive enhanced buprenorphine treatment network; and
- (2) The delivery of telehealth is being provided on behalf of the entity that employs or contracts with the provider.

Public Chapter 881 took effect April 14, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1061

Subject to certain exceptions, Public Chapter 1061 requires a healthcare prescriber, when prescribing an opioid to a patient, to offer a prescription for an opioid antagonist, or another drug approved by the United States food and drug administration for the complete or partial reversal of an opioid overdose event, if one or more of the following conditions are present in accordance with the federal centers for disease control and prevention opioid-prescribing guidelines setting forth treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose:

(1) The healthcare provider prescribes more than a three-day supply of an opioid medication; and

(2) The healthcare provider prescribes an opioid medication concurrently with a prescription by the same provider for benzodiazepine, or the patient presents with an increased risk for overdose.

The requirement for offering a prescription for a drug to reverse an overdose does not apply to:

- (1) A prescription that is written as part of a patient's palliative care treatment; or
- (2) An opioid prescription that is written by a licensed veterinarian.

Public Chapter 1061 specifies that its provisions and current law concerning regulations and registration for controlled drugs do not create a private right of action.

Public Chapter 1061 specifies that a person who fails to comply with the requirements of Public Chapter 1061 is not guilty of a felony under current law that generally makes it a Class D felony offense for a person to distribute or dispense a controlled substance in violation of requirements for prescription drugs. Public Chapter 1061 further specifies that a person who fails to comply with its requirements is punishable only by a civil penalty assessed by the provider's licensing board and only in cases involving a pattern of willful failure to comply.

Public Chapter 1061 took effect July 1, 2022.

# **APPENDIX "E"**

#### ADDRESSING ANTISEMITISM

During the 2022 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly passed a pair of bills that address antisemitism. Public Chapter 775 generally prohibits public entities from contracting with companies that boycott Israel. Public Chapter 1075 established a procedure to be followed if a state governmental entity or a local education agency (LEA) receives a complaint from a person who alleges that antisemitism has occurred on school grounds or through school electronic outreach.

### Public Chapter 775

Public Chapter 775 generally prohibits this state or any political subdivision of this state from contracting with a company to acquire or dispose of services, supplies, information technology, or construction unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and will not for the duration of the contract engage in, a boycott of Israel. Public Chapter 775 defines "boycott of Israel" to mean engaging in refusals to deal, terminating business activities, or other commercial actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with Israel, or companies doing business in or with Israel or authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel to do business, or persons or entities doing business in Israel, when such actions are taken:

- (1) In compliance with, or adherence to, calls for a boycott of Israel, or
- (2) In a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin, religion, or other unreasonable basis, and is not based on a valid business reason.

Public Chapter 775 does not apply to a contract with a total potential value of less than \$250,000 or to contractors with fewer than 10 employees.

A contract entered into on or after July 1, 2022, that fails to comply with Public Chapter 775 is void.

Public Chapter 775 authorizes the commissioner of finance and administration or the commissioner's designee to promulgate rules to implement its provisions.

Public Chapter 775 specifies that its provisions do not diminish or infringe upon a right protected under the constitution of this state or the first amendment to the constitution of the United States. Public Chapter 775 prohibits construction of its provisions in a manner that conflicts with local, state, or federal discrimination laws.

Public Chapter 775 took effect April 8, 2022, for the purpose of promulgating rules and July 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

## Public Chapter 1075

Public Chapter 1075 requires that, if a state governmental entity or an LEA receives a complaint from a person who alleges that antisemitism has occurred on the premises of a public school serving any of the grades K-12, or through electronic outreach from a public school serving any of the grades K-12, then the respective state governmental entity or LEA consider the working definition of antisemitism adopted by the

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, including the "contemporary examples of antisemitism," in determining whether the alleged act was motivated by antisemitic intent. Public Chapter 1075 requires state governmental entities and institutions of higher education to make the same consideration if the entity or institution receives a complaint from a person who alleges that antisemitism has occurred on the premises of an institution of higher education, or through electronic outreach from an institution of higher education.

Public Chapter 1075 specifies that its provisions do not diminish or infringe upon rights protected under the constitution of this state or the first amendment to the constitution of the United States. Public Chapter 1075 prohibits construction of its provisions in a manner that conflicts with state or federal discrimination laws.

Public Chapter 1075 specifies that its provisions do not alter the evidentiary requirements pursuant to which a state governmental entity or an institution of higher education determines that conduct, including harassment, amounts to actionable discrimination.

Public Chapter 1075 took effect May 25, 2022.

# **APPENDIX** "F"

#### **TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

The 112th General Assembly passed a pair of significant bills concerning tobacco products during the 2022 legislative session. Public Chapter 810 designated smokeless nicotine products as age-restricted products that may only be sold to persons aged 21 years and older. Public Chapter 1110 authorized local governments to regulate smoking in age-restricted venues.

# Public Chapter 810

Generally, the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco, Smoking Hemp, and Vapor Products Act prohibits the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age. The Act defines "tobacco product" to mean any product that contains tobacco and is intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, and bidis. Public Chapter 810 expanded the act to apply to "smokeless nicotine products", which Public Chapter 810 defines to mean nicotine that is in the form of a solid, gel, gum, or paste that is intended for human consumption or placement in the oral cavity for absorption into the human body by any means other than inhalation. Public Chapter 810 excludes from the definition of "smokeless nicotine products" nicotine replacement therapy products as defined and approved by the federal food and drug administration.

Public Chapter 810 took effect April 8, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1110

Current law preempts local government regulation of tobacco products and vapor products, with certain limited exceptions. For example, local governments may regulate the use of tobacco products or vapor products in buildings owned or leased by the local government. Public Chapter 1110 added an exception to the general preemption of local regulation of tobacco products and vapor products by authorizing local governments to regulate smoking and the use of vapor products in age-restricted venues that are not retail tobacco stores, retail vapor product stores, or cigar bars.

#### Public Chapter 1110 defines:

- (1) "Age-restricted venue" to mean a legal establishment that affirmatively restricts access to its buildings or facilities at all times to persons who are 21 years of age or older by requiring each person who attempts to gain entry to those buildings or facilities to submit for inspection an acceptable form of identification for the express purpose of determining if the person is 21 years of age or older;
- (2) "Cigar bar" to mean a legal establishment that holds a valid license or permit for the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages, generates a portion of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of cigars and the rental of humidors, does not knowingly sell products or services to a person who is less than 21 years of age, does not knowingly permit entrance to the premises to a person who is less than 21 years of age, and does not permit vaping or the smoking of products other than cigars on the premises;
- (3) "Retail tobacco store" to mean a retail store that derives its largest category of sales from tobacco products and accessories; and

(4) "Retail vapor product store" means a retail store that derives its largest category of sales from vapor products and accessories.

Subject to various exceptions, current law generally prohibits smoking in all enclosed public places within Tennessee. Public Chapter 1110 specifies that cigar bars are exempt from the general prohibition.

Public Chapter 1110 took effect July 1, 2022.

# APPENDIX "G"

## NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS

Public Chapter 845 revised provisions of law governing the use of an intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness.

Under current law, an intercollegiate athlete at a four-year public or private institution of higher education located in Tennessee, other than an institution of higher education governed by the board of regents of the state university and community college system (an "institution"), may earn compensation for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness. Such compensation may not be provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at an institution. Under prior law, such compensation could only be provided by a third party. Public Chapter 845 removed the provision that limited the source of such compensation to a third party and clarified that an institution or an officer, director, or employee of the institution may not compensate a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for the intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness.

Public Chapter 845 removed a provision of prior law that prohibited an institution, or an officer, director, or employee of the institution from being involved in the development, operation, or promotion of a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness, including actions that compensate or cause compensation to be provided to athletes. Public Chapter 845 instead provides that an institution's involvement in support of name, image, or likeness activities does not constitute compensation to or representation of an intercollegiate athlete by the institution so long as the institution does not coerce, compel, or interfere with an intercollegiate athlete's decision to earn compensation from or obtain representation in connection with a specific name, image, or likeness opportunity.

Prior law specifically prohibited an entity whose purpose includes supporting or benefitting the institution or its athletic program from compensating or causing compensation to be provided to a current or prospective intercollegiate athlete for the athlete's name, image, or likeness if the arrangement is contingent on the athlete's enrollment or continued participation at an institution. Public Chapter 845 removed this specific prohibition but retained the general prohibition against compensation for the use of the athlete's name, image, or likeness being provided in exchange for athletic performance or attendance at an institution.

## Public Chapter 845 added that:

- (1) Parents, siblings, grandparents, spouses, and legal guardians of an intercollegiate athlete who represent the intercollegiate athlete for the purpose of securing compensation for the use of the intercollegiate athlete's name, image, or likeness are not considered to be athlete agents and are not subject to the requirements for athlete agent with regard to such representation; and
- (2) An athletic association's governing actions, sanctions, bylaws, and rules must not interfere with an intercollegiate athlete's ability to earn compensation and must not otherwise impact an intercollegiate athlete's eligibility or full participation in intercollegiate athletic events, unless the intercollegiate athlete has committed a violation of the rules of an institution or an athletic association or this act is invalidated or rendered unenforceable by operation of law.

Public Chapter 845 took effect April 20, 2022.

# APPENDIX "H"

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

During the 2022 regular legislative session, the 112<sup>th</sup> General Assembly passed numerous bills relative to various subjects of importance to Tennesseans. The Public Chapters described in this summary represent some of the noteworthy and topical issues to which the General Assembly devoted its attention.

# Public Chapter 870

Public Chapter 870 enacted the "Tennessee Integrated and Meaningful Employment Act" to require employers to pay their employees no less than the federal minimum wage regardless of the subminimum wage authorized federal law. Generally, federal law authorizes certain employers to pay subminimum wages to employees who have disabilities for the jobs they perform. Public Chapter 870 took effect July 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 878

Prior law generally prohibited the issuance of driver licenses to minors who are not high school graduates and who are not making satisfactory academic progress in high school or a high school equivalency preparation course. Similarly, prior law required the suspension of a license issued to a minor who withdraws from school, until such time as the minor returns to school and makes satisfactory academic progress or turns 18 years of age. Prior law defined "satisfactory academic progress" to mean making a passing grade in at least three full unit subjects or their equivalency at the conclusion of any grading period. Public Chapter 878 removed the provisions of prior law that tied eligibility for minors to obtain and maintain driver licenses to satisfactory academic progress, so that eligibility exists so long as the minor remains enrolled in high school or a high school equivalency preparation course. Public Chapter 878 took effect April 14, 2022.

## Public Chapter 944

Public Chapter 944 enacted the "Joe Clyde Daniels Act" to require the board of parole, in making a parole determination for an offender convicted of a homicide, to consider whether the offender obstructed or continues to obstruct the ability of law enforcement to recover the remains of the victim. Public Chapter 944 took effect July 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 960

Public Chapter 960 enacted the "School Safety and Removal Act" to authorize alternative schools and alternative programs to provide remote instruction to their students. Public Chapter 960 requires the state board of education to promulgate rules to establish guidelines for tracking daily student attendance and compliance with state school attendance and truancy intervention laws for alternative schools and alternative programs providing remote instruction. An alternative school or alternative program that provides remote instruction pursuant to Public Chapter 960 must comply with all state and federal laws, rules, and policies. Public Chapter 960 took effect April 29, 2022, for rulemaking purposes and July 1, 2022, for all other purposes.

## Public Chapter 986

Public Chapter 986 makes it a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to camp:

- (1) On the shoulder, berm, or right-of-way of a state or interstate highway; or
- (2) Under a bridge or overpass, or within an underpass, of a state or interstate highway.

A person will receive a warning citation for a first offense of (1) or (2). A second or subsequent offense is punishable by either a \$50.00 fine and a sentence to 20-40 hours of community service work, or a sentence of 20-40 hours of litter removal.

The Equal Access to Public Property Act of 2012 generally makes it a Class E felony offense for a person to camp on property owned by the state knowing that the area on which the camping occurs is not specifically designated for use as a camping area. An area of state-owned land may be designated as a camping area by the department, agency, official, or officials responsible for the operation, protection, or maintenance of the property in question by signage, advertisement, or other notice. Public Chapter 986 makes the Equal Access to Public Property Act of 2012 applicable to all public property rather than only state-owned property. Public Chapter 986 also extends to local governments and their employees the provisions of the Act concerning impoundment and disposal of camping equipment that is used in violation of the Act.

Public Chapter 986 took effect July 1, 2022, without the Governor's signature.

# Public Chapter 1005

Public Chapter 1005 prohibits males from participating in certain school sports that are designated for females.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Present law provides that a student's gender for purposes of participating in public middle school or high school sports must be determined by the student's sex at the time of the student's birth, as indicated on the student's original birth certificate.

Under Public Chapter 1005, if a public school or public charter school violates a policy adopted to enforce the above provision and the violation deprives a student of an athletic opportunity or causes direct or indirect harm to the student, then the student or the student's parents, if the student is a minor, will have a private cause of action for injunctive relief, damages, and other relief, plus costs and attorney fees.

### POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS

Public Chapter 1005 prohibits students of the male sex from participating in intercollegiate or intramural sports that are designated for females and that are sponsored, sanctioned, or operated by a public institution of higher education or by a private institution of higher education whose students compete against public institutions. For purposes of this provision, an institution of higher education must rely upon the sex listed on the student's original birth certificate issued at or near the time of birth.

Public Chapter 1005 prohibits a government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or an athletic organization from taking adverse action against an institution of higher education for maintaining

separate intercollegiate or intramural athletic teams for students of the female sex or retaliating against a student who reports a violation.

Public Chapter 1005 requires each institution of higher education to adopt and enforce a policy to ensure compliance with its provisions that are applicable to intercollegiate and college intramural sports.

Public Chapter 1005 took effect July 1, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1017

If a prisoner is pregnant, beginning on the date on which pregnancy is confirmed by a healthcare professional and ending at the conclusion of postpartum recovery, Public Chapter 1017 prohibits the removal to a state penitentiary or a branch prison for safekeeping of the pregnant prisoner, unless medically necessary for the health of the prisoner or the unborn child.

Public Chapter 1017 prohibits the use of solitary confinement for pregnant inmates and inmates who have given birth within the past eight weeks regardless of whether the purpose of confinement is for punishment or safekeeping, unless the inmate has demonstrated potential for self-harm, harm to the unborn child, or harm to other inmates or correction staff. A period of solitary confinement must be limited to the shortest time possible given the safety situation, and the reasons for the use of solitary confinement must be documented in the inmate's medical record as appropriate.

Public Chapter 1017 took effect May 11, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1056

Public Chapter 1056 enacted "Ethan's, Hailey's, and Bentley's Law," under which a defendant who is convicted of vehicular homicide due to intoxication or aggravated vehicular homicide, and whose victim was the parent of a minor child, must be ordered by the sentencing court to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance to each of the victim's children until each child reaches 18 years of age and has graduated from high school, or the class of which the child is a member when the child reached 18 years of age has graduated.

Public Chapter 1056 requires the court to determine an amount that is reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of the victim's child after considering all relevant factors. The full text of Public Chapter 1056 specifies six factors that the court must consider in making such determination.

If a defendant who is ordered to pay child maintenance pursuant to Public Chapter 1056 is incarcerated and unable to pay the required maintenance, then the defendant will have up to one year after release from incarceration to begin payment, including entering a payment plan to address any arrearage. If a defendant's child maintenance payments are set to terminate but the defendant's obligation is not paid in full, the payments will continue until paid in full.

A court must not order child maintenance under Public Chapter 1056 if the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil suit and obtains a judgment prior to the sentencing court ordering child maintenance payments. If the surviving parent or guardian brings a civil suit and obtains a judgment after child

maintenance payments have been ordered, then the child maintenance order will be offset by the amount of the judgment awarded in the civil action.

Public Chapter 1056 took effect May 25, 2022.

### Public Chapter 1078

Public Chapter 1078 enacted the "CROWN Act: Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair" to generally prohibit an employer from adopting a policy that does not permit an employee to wear the employee's hair in braids, locs, twists, or another manner that is part of the cultural identification of the employee's ethnic group or that is a physical characteristic of the employee's ethnic group. A policy in violation of such prohibition will be deemed discriminatory and void as against the public policy of this state. Public Chapter 1078 specifies that it does not create a private cause of action.

An employee may file a complaint for a violation of Public Chapter 1078 with the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide a warning to an employer in violation of Public Chapter 1078.

Public Chapter 1078 does not apply to:

- (1) A public safety employee if it would prevent the employee from performing essential functions of the employee's job requirements during the course of employment; or
- (2) A policy that an employer must adopt to adhere to common industry safety standards, to maintain reasonable safety measures, or to comply with federal or state laws, rules, or regulations relative to health or safety.

Public Chapter 1078 took effect July 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 1121

Public Chapter 1121 enacted "Dallas's Law" to make various changes and additions to the law concerning security guard/officers.

Current law generally requires that, within 15 days of employment, an unarmed security guard/officer applicant must complete general training and pass an examination. Prior law exempted persons employed as an unarmed security guard/officer by any person or department of the organization that employs a security guard/officer solely in an employer/employee relationship (a "proprietary security organization") from such requirement. Public Chapter 1121 removed the exemption.

Public Chapter 1121 added the following to the training requirements for unarmed security guard/officers and armed security guard/officers who are employed by a proprietary security organization that holds a license or permit for on-premises consumption from the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board, or is employed by a contract security company for the purposes of performing security guard and patrol services at a commercial establishment that holds a license or permit for on-premises consumption from the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board:

- (1) Training in de-escalation techniques and proper and safe restraint techniques; and
- (2) First aid and CPR training.

Public Chapter 1121 requires all registered security guard/officers (unarmed and armed) who are required to receive training in de-escalation, safe restraint, first aid, and CPR as a condition of registration to also complete refresher training in such subjects for renewal of their registrations.

Current law requires armed security guard/officers to complete four hours of refresher training in orientation, legal powers and limitations, emergency procedures, and/or general duties as a condition of registration renewal. Prior law did not require unarmed security guard/officers to obtain such refresher training. Public Chapter 1121 requires unarmed security guard/officers to complete two hours of such refresher training.

Public Chapter 1121 prohibits an unarmed security guard/officer employed by a proprietary security organization from carrying a weapon of any kind.

Current law requires any person to provide a notice to the commissioner of commerce and insurance prior to acting as a proprietary security organization. Public Chapter 1121 additionally requires a proprietary security organization that has a license or permit for on-premises consumption from the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board to include with its initial notice to the commissioner:

- (1) Documentation of general liability insurance coverage in the amount required by present law for all licensees and employers of private security guards/officers, which is presently a minimum \$300,00 for personal injury and \$100,000 for property damage;
  - (2) One set of classifiable electronic fingerprints of the qualifying manager; and
  - (3) A registration fee of \$100.

Public Chapter 1121 also requires a proprietary security organization that has a license or permit for on-premises consumption from the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board to:

- (1) Submit a biennial fee of \$100 to the commissioner to maintain the organization's status as a proprietary security organization; and
- (2) Provide the commissioner with the full name, the business and residence addresses, and one set of classifiable electronic fingerprints of the new qualifying manager within 15 days of a change in the qualifying manager.

Upon receipt of a notice to act as a proprietary security organization from a person that has a license or permit for on-premises consumption from the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board, Public Chapter 1121 requires the commissioner to:

- (1) Conduct an investigation to determine whether the statements made in the initial notice are true;
- (2) Compare or request that the TBI compare the fingerprints submitted with the notice to fingerprints filed with the bureau; and
- (3) Submit the fingerprints to the FBI for a search of its files to determine whether the individual fingerprinted has recorded convictions.

A violation of the Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act is generally a Class A misdemeanor. Under current law, knowingly employing as a security guard/officer an individual who does not hold a valid registration card of the appropriate type is a violation of the Act. Public Chapter 1121 specifies that such violation is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by fine only. Public Chapter 1121 also requires the alcoholic beverage commission or a beer board to suspend the license or permit of a person for such violation for a period of one month per violation; provided, that such requirement does not limit the alcoholic beverage commission's or a beer board's ability to seek to revoke or summarily suspend the license or permit.

Public Chapter 1121 takes effect January 1, 2023.

# **APPENDIX "I"**

#### SENTENCING

In 2022, the 112th General Assembly passed a pair of bills concerning sentencing. Public Chapter 952 added requirements that courts provide at sentencing hearings an estimate of the time that a person will serve before achieving release eligibility. Public Chapter 988 established mandatory percentages of a sentence that a person must serve following a conviction for certain offenses.

# Public Chapter 952

Public Chapter 952 enacted the "Transparency In Sentencing For Victims Act."

When the court imposes a sentence, current law requires the court to place on the record what enhancement or mitigating factors were considered, if any, as well as the reasons for the sentence, in order to ensure fair and consistent sentencing. Public Chapter 952 added a requirement that, when the court imposes a sentence of continuous confinement, the court must place on the record the estimated number of years and months the defendant will serve before becoming eligible for release. Public Chapter 952 specifies that the current law requirements and the requirement added by Public Chapter 952 concerning an explanation of a sentence apply at the sentencing hearing.

Public Chapter 952 requires the department of correction to provide the court with a form to assist in determining, for a sentence of continuous confinement, the estimated number of years and months the defendant will serve before becoming eligible for release. Public Chapter 952 specifies that the estimation will not be a basis for post-conviction relief or for a direct appeal of the defendant's sentence.

Public Chapter 952 took effect July 1, 2022, and applies to sentencing hearings conducted on or after that date.

# Public Chapter 988

Under Public Chapter 988, there will be no release eligibility for a person committing an offense, on or after July 1, 2022, that is enumerated in (1)-(8) below. The person will serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits the person may be eligible for or earn. The person will be permitted to earn credits for satisfactory program performance, which credits may be used for increased privileges, reduced security classification, or other purposes other than reduction of the sentence imposed. The offenses to which the 100-percent requirement applies are:

- (1) Attempted first-degree murder;
- (2) Second-degree murder;
- (3) Vehicular homicide resulting from the driver's intoxication;
- (4) Aggravated vehicular homicide;
- (5) Especially aggravated kidnapping;
- (6) Especially aggravated robbery;

- (7) Carjacking; and
- (8) Especially aggravated burglary.

Under Public Chapter 988, there will be no release eligibility for a person committing an offense, on or after July 1, 2022, that is enumerated in (1)-(13) below. The person will serve 100 percent of the sentence imposed by the court undiminished by any sentence reduction credits the person may be eligible for or earn; provided that credits earned by the person for satisfactory program performance may be used to reduce by up to 15 percent the percentage of the sentence imposed by the court that the person must serve before becoming eligible for release on parole but shall not alter the sentence expiration date. The person will also be permitted to use satisfactory program performance credits earned for increased privileges, reduced security classification, or other purposes other than reduction of the sentence imposed. For those persons who do serve part of the sentence on parole, if they violate the conditions of parole, the board of parole may order them to serve a period of time in prison, up to the remainder of their sentence. The offenses to which the 85-percent requirement applies are:

- (1) Aggravated assault involving the use of a deadly weapon, aggravated assault involving strangulation or attempted strangulation, aggravated assault that results in serious bodily injury, aggravated assault against a first responder or nurse if the offense involved the use of a deadly weapon, and aggravated assault against a first responder or nurse involving strangulation or attempted strangulation;
  - (2) Voluntary manslaughter;
  - (3) Vehicular homicide in circumstances other than the driver's intoxication;
  - (4) Reckless homicide;
  - (5) Aggravated kidnapping;
  - (6) Involuntary labor servitude;
  - (7) Trafficking persons for forced labor or services;
  - (8) Aggravated robbery;
  - (9) Aggravated burglary;
  - (10) Aggravated arson;
- (11) Possessing or using a firearm or antique firearm during commission of or attempt to commit a dangerous felony;
- (12) The manufacture, delivery, or sale of a controlled substance where the instant offense is classified as a Class A, B, or C felony and the person has two or more prior convictions for the manufacture, delivery, or sale of a controlled substance classified as a Class A, B, or C felony prior to or at the time of committing the instant offense; and
  - (13) Criminally negligent homicide.

Public Chapter 988 made several changes to existing law to clarify that prior sentencing requirements continue to apply to offenses committed before July 1, 2022.

Public Chapter 988 became law without the Governor's signature pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. Public Chapter 988 took effect July 1, 2022.

# APPENDIX "J"

## SCHOOL FUNDING

Public Chapter 966 replaces the basic education program (BEP) with the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement Act (TISA) as the system for funding education for the public schools, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

**BEP Calculation** 

The BEP includes four categories of components: instructional salaries and wages; instructional benefits; classroom; and nonclassroom. Present law requires the state to provide 70 percent of the funds generated for components within the instructional salaries and wages category; 70 percent of the funds generated for components within the instructional benefits category; 75 percent of the funds generated for components within the classroom category; and 50 percent of the funds generated for components within the nonclassroom category. The BEP must provide 100 percent funding for at-risk students in K-12. The BEP provides funding for English language learner students at a ratio of 1:20 and 1:200 for teachers and translators, respectively. The BEP provides funding for special education personnel based on the level and extent of services provided and related to the student's individualized education program (IEP). The BEP must recognize the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues by measuring the ability to generate local revenues from property tax and local option sales tax. The BEP must also recognize the ability of local jurisdictions to raise local revenues as determined by the multiple regression analysis model developed by TACIR. The full text of the Tennessee Education Finance Act of 1977, and other relevant provisions of present law, specify other components, factors, and measurements that apply to the BEP.

TISA Calculation

The TISA is a student-based funding formula that consists of the following student-generated funding allocations:

- (1) The base funding amount;
- (2) Weighted allocations for which the individual student satisfies the following criteria:
- (A) Twenty-five percent for a student who is economically disadvantaged;
- (B) Five percent for a student who experiences concentrated poverty;
- (C) Five percent for a student who resides in a small district;
- (D) Five percent for a student who resides in a sparse district; and

- (E) From 15 percent to 150 percent for students with unique learning needs, based on 10 levels to be established by rule based on the additional resources required to support each unique learning need; and
  - (3) Direct allocations established by rule of the department for a student who is:
- (A) A rising fourth grade student who is determined to not be proficient in English language arts (ELA) based on the student achieving a performance level rating of "below" or "approaching" on the ELA portion of the student's most recent TCAP test;
  - (B) Assigned to a career and technical program;
- (C) A junior or senior in high school who has not previously taken a postsecondary readiness assessment, or who has only taken such assessment once;
  - (D) A student in any of the grades K-3; and
  - (E) A student who attends a public charter school.

The department must submit a categorization of a unique learning need or proposed direct allocation to the state board of education for a recommendation prior to filing a rule based on such categorization or allocation.

In addition to the student-generated funding allocations described in (1)-(3), and subject to available appropriations, TISA requires the department of education to allocate student-generated outcome incentive dollars to an LEA based on the achievement of member students in the LEA's public schools. The department is required to establish outcome goals by rule. The department must submit an outcome goal to the state board of education for a recommendation prior to filing a rule based on such outcome goal. The department must allocate available appropriations for student-generated outcome incentive dollars to LEAs in direct proportion to the number of outcome incentive dollars generated by students who are members in each of the LEA's public schools, relative to the total number of outcome incentive dollars generated by all Tennessee public school students.

By July 1, 2023, and by each July 1 thereafter, the department of education must create and publish a TISA guide outlining the department's procedures for administering the TISA. The full text of Public Chapter 966 specifies minimum content requirements for the guide.

The commissioner of education must convene a 12-member group to advise the commissioner regarding outcome incentive dollars and outcome goals. The full text of Public Chapter 966 specifies qualifications for selection to the advisory group.

Fast Growth and Infrastructure Stipends

Funds appropriated for the purposes of stipends must first be allocated to LEAs that experience growth in the total allocation generated by students in non-virtual schools in the LEA in the current year in excess of 1.25 percent, as compared to the prior year. The amount of the fast growth stipend will be equal

to the increase in allocations in excess of 1.25 percent. If the funds appropriated for fast growth stipends are insufficient to provide for an LEA's fast-growth stipend, then the commissioner must apply a pro rata reduction to the stipend amount each LEA is otherwise eligible to receive.

If there are excess funds remaining after disbursements of fast growth stipends, such funds will next be allocated to infrastructure stipends for LEAs that experience average daily membership (ADM) growth in non-virtual schools exceeding two percent for each year of a three-consecutive-year period. The infrastructure stipend is a per-student flat dollar amount based on the number of member students in non-virtual schools in the LEA for the current school year in excess of a two percent ADM growth in non-virtual schools from the prior year. An infrastructure stipend in a given year must be uniform for all eligible LEAs.

If the funds appropriated for stipends exceed the amount required to fund fast growth and infrastructure stipends, then the 1.25 percentage for fast growth stipend eligibility may be lowered to ensure that all funds appropriated are allocated and disbursed to LEAs.

### **Supplemental Allocations**

If, during the first year of implementation of the TISA, an LEA's allocated TISA funds total less than the LEA's baseline funding amount, then the department will be required to allocate additional funds to the LEA in an amount equal to 100 percent of the difference between the LEA's baseline funding amount and the LEA's allocated TISA amount. For purposes of Public Chapter 966, the baseline funding amount is:

- (1) The BEP allocations an LEA received in the 2022-2023 school year;
- (2) The coordinated school health grant allocations an LEA received in the 2022-2023 school year;
- (3) The family resource center grant allocations an LEA received from the department in the 2022-2023 school year; and
  - (4) The school safety grant allocations an LEA received in the 2022-2023 school year.

The additional allocations for LEAs whose allocated TISA funds total less than their baseline funding amount will continue through the first four years of TISA implementation. However, the amount of the additional allocations will be reduced as follows:

- (1) Seventy-five percent of the difference during the second year;
- (2) Fifty percent of the difference during the third year; and
- (3) Twenty-five percent of the difference during the fourth year.

An LEA's allocated education funding must not decrease more than five percent from one year to the next year. If an LEA's TISA allocation decreases by more than five percent from the LEA's TISA allocation for the prior school year, then the department must allocate additional funds to the LEA in an amount such that the decrease in the LEA's TISA allocation for the current year is only five percent except that the department

must not allocate additional funds to an LEA due to being allocated TISA funds less than their baseline amount.

Grants

Subject to available appropriations, the department must distribute a grant to an LEA that:

- (1) Is located within a county designated as distressed or at risk by the commissioner of economic and community development and for which the LEA's fiscal capacity and local contribution increase the LEA's maintenance of effort requirements; or
  - (2) Is located in Sevier County.

An LEA that satisfies the criteria of subdivisions (1) and (2) may receive multiple grants.

Subject to available appropriations, the department must distribute a cost differential factor (CDF) grant to an LEA located in a county in which the cost of living is greater than the statewide average. An LEA is eligible for a CDF grant if the LEA is located in a county for which the ratio between the county's non-governmental wages and the statewide non-governmental wages is greater than one, as calculated by the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee. The department will determine the amount of a CDF grant awarded to an eligible LEA.

If state funds available for distribution are insufficient to meet an LEA's TISA allocation for a school year, then the commissioner must apply a pro rata reduction to the amount that each LEA is allocated.

State and Local Contributions; Determination of Fiscal Capacity

The state is required to provide:

- (1) Seventy percent of the total funding allocation that students generate pursuant to the base and weighted allocations; and
- (2) One hundred percent of the total funding allocation that students generate pursuant to direct allocations, outcome incentives, and fast growth and infrastructure stipends.

The local share, which must be paid with local government funds, is the remaining 30 percent of the total funding allocation that students funded by a local government generate pursuant to the base and weighted allocations.

A county's local contribution is calculated by multiplying the county's fiscal capacity by the local share. The fiscal capacity calculation for the TISA is the formula evaluated by the comptroller of the treasury and approved by the state board that determines fiscal capacity as the average of the fiscal capacity

estimates generated by the formula established by the Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Tennessee and the formula established by the TACIR.

### **Professional Development**

The department must create or procure, and make available at no cost to participants:

- (1) A professional development series on the TISA; and
- (2) A professional development series for LEA and public charter school employees that is tailored to the professional duties of various types of employees and includes an overview of the TISA and best practices for how an employee can maximize budget investments to increase student achievement through the employee's work.

Public Chapter 966 requires the department to make the professional development series on the TISA available to certain school officials and employees, upon their request.

### **Accountability Requirements**

Each LEA must have the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding the TISA to the department and the comptroller of the treasury, on a template prescribed by the department, by November 1, 2024, and each November 1 thereafter.

By January 15, 2025, and each January 15 thereafter, the department must deliver a TISA report to the members of the general assembly. The full text of Public Chapter 966 details content requirements for such reports.

Public Chapter 966 requires the comptroller of the treasury, through the comptroller's office of research and education accountability, to review and study the TISA to determine the effectiveness of state expenditures on K-12 education. By December 31, 2024, the comptroller must report the conclusions of the study and any legislative recommendations to the speakers of the senate and house of representatives and to the members of the education committee of the senate and the education administration committee of the house of representatives.

Public Chapter 966 requires LEAs to produce annual accountability reports that:

(1) Establish goals for student achievement, including the goal of 70 percent of the LEA's students in third grade taking the English language arts (ELA) portion of the TCAP tests achieving a performance level rating of "on track" or "mastered" on the ELA portion of the TCAP tests, in the current school year and explains how the goals can be met within the LEA's budget; and

(2) Describe how the LEA's budget and expenditures for prior school years enabled the LEA to make progress toward the student achievement goals established for the prior school years; provided, however, that such description will not be required in the report submitted for the 2023-2024 school year.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, an LEA that operates or authorizes a public school, or a public charter school, that receives a "D" or "F" letter grade on the state report card may be required to appear for a hearing before the state board of education, or a committee of the state board, to report on the public school's performance and how the LEA's or public charter school's spending decisions may have affected the ability of the LEA's public schools or the public charter school to achieve certain performance goals. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board may recommend that the department impose one of the corrective actions:

- (1) Require the LEA or public charter school to develop, submit to the department for approval, and implement a corrective action plan consistent with a corrective action plan template developed by the department. The department must report on the LEA's or public charter school's implementation of the corrective action plan to the state board; or
- (2) Require the department to audit and investigate the LEA's or public charter school's academic programming and spending. The department will be required to report the outcomes of the audit and investigation to the state board.

Public Chapter 966 requires the department to apportion the costs of implementing a corrective action between the department and the LEA or public charter school on a case-by-case basis, subject to the approval of the state board.

## **TISA Review Committee**

Beginning January 1, 2026, the state board of education must establish a TISA review committee consisting of:

- (1) The executive director of the state board;
- (2) The commissioner of education;
- (3) The commissioner of finance and administration;
- (4) The comptroller of the treasury;
- (5) The director of TACIR;
- (6) The chair of the education committee of the senate;
- (7) The chair of the education administration committee of the house of representatives;
- (8) The director of the office of legislative budget analysis, or the director's designee; and

(9) At least one member from each of the following groups, to be appointed by the state board: teachers, school boards, directors of schools, county governments, municipal governments that operate LEAs, finance directors of urban school systems, finance directors of suburban school systems, and finance directors of rural school systems.

The TISA review committee must:

- (1) Meet at least four times per year and regularly review the TISA base funding, weighted allocations, direct allocations, and outcome incentive dollars, as well as identify any needed revisions, additions, or deletions to the TISA; and
  - (2) Prepare an annual report on the TISA.

# **Progress Review Board**

Beginning July 1, 2023, Public Chapter 966 creates a progress review board consisting of:

- (1) The commissioner of education;
- (2) The chair of the state board of education;
- (3) Two members appointed by the speaker of the senate; and
- (4) Two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

Appointed members of the progress review board will serve two-year terms.

The progress review board is required to:

- (1) Set an LEA's minimum goal to increase the LEA's third grade student-performance level rating of "on track" or "mastered" on the ELA portion of the TCAP tests by 15 percent of the gap to 70 percent proficient in three years, beginning with the results of the 2022-2023 TCAP tests; provided, that such requirement will not apply to an LEA with 70 percent or more of the third grade students in the LEA achieving a performance level of "on track" or "mastered" on the ELA portion of the TCAP tests;
- (2) Annually review each accountability report submitted pursuant to TISA to determine if an LEA is taking the proper steps to achieve the goal established pursuant to (1); and
- (3) If, at the end of a three-year period as described in (1), the board verifies that an LEA does not meet a goal established pursuant to (1), then the board must determine if further action is necessary based upon whether the LEA is taking the proper steps to achieve the goal as reviewed pursuant to (2). If the board determines further action is necessary, then the board is required to recommend that the commissioner of education require the LEA to complete additional training on how to budget to increase student achievement based upon the goal set pursuant to (1). If the board makes such a recommendation, the commissioner will be authorized to require the LEA to complete the additional training.

## Rulemaking

Public Chapter 966 provides the department of education with rulemaking authority to effectuate TISA. Prior to initiating the rulemaking process for any such rules, the department must submit its proposed rules to the state board of education. The state board must issue a positive, neutral, or negative recommendation for the proposed rules.

The commissioner of education is authorized to prepare and promulgate, without board approval, rules that are solely necessary for the internal administrative operation and functions of the department and to implement the TISA.

# Other Requirements and Changes

Public Chapter 966 authorizes LEAs to use TISA funds for many of the same purposes as BEP funds and grant funds may be used under present law, including, but not limited to, coordinated school health programs, pledging security for bonds, school safety programs, and cooperative innovative high school programs.

The full text of Public Chapter 966 includes various additional technical changes to present law concerning funding for K-12 public education.

#### Effective Date

For purposes of promulgating rules, establishing and evaluating the fiscal capacity calculation, determining fiscal capacities, determining equalization values, determining local contributions, creating and publishing the TISA guide, creating or procuring a professional development series on the TISA, and producing accountability reports for the 2023-2024 school year, the Public Chapter 966 took effect May 2, 2022. For all other purposes, Public Chapter 966 takes effect July 1, 2023.

# **APPENDIX "K"**

## **TAX CUTS**

During its 2022 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly passed several bills that reduce or eliminate certain taxes. Public Chapter 1053 extended the sales tax holiday for purchases of gun safes. Public Chapter 1065 exempts certain services related to, and certain access and use of, computer software from the sales and use tax. Public Chapter 1083 removed physicians from the list of professions to which the professional privilege tax applies. Public Chapter 1092 exempted certain sales of previous metals from the sales tax. Public Chapter 1131 exempts most sales of food from the sales tax for one month. Public Chapter 1143 waives the motor vehicle registration fee for one fiscal year.

# Public Chapter 1053

Public Chapter 1053 extended for an additional year, until June 30, 2023, the sales tax holiday for the retail sale of gun safes and gun safety devices. Public Chapter 1053 took effect May 25, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1065

Public Chapter 1065 exempted the following from sales and use tax:

- (1) The fabrication, installation, and repair of computer software by a person, including the person's agent or direct employee, for the person's own use and consumption; and
- (2) The access and use of software that remains in the possession of the dealer who provides the software or in the possession of a third party on behalf of such dealer, where the access and use of the software is solely by a person or the person's agent or direct employee for the exclusive purpose of fabricating other software that is both owned by that person and for that person's own use and consumption.

Public Chapter 1065 took effect July 1, 2022.

## Public Chapter 1083

Public Chapter 1083 eliminated the annual professional privilege tax of \$400 for physicians. Registered lobbyists; persons licensed or registered under the Tennessee Securities Act as agents, broker-dealers, or investment advisers; and licensed attorneys remain subject to the tax. Public Chapter 1083 took effect May 27, 2022, and applies to privilege taxes due and payable after May 31, 2023.

#### Public Chapter 1092

Public Chapter 1092 exempts from sales and use tax the sale of all coins, currency, and bullion that are:

- (1) Manufactured in whole or in part from gold, silver, platinum, palladium, or other material;
- (2) Used solely as legal tender, security, or commodity in this or another state, the United States, or a foreign nation; and

(3) Sold based primarily on their intrinsic value as precious material or collectible items rather than their representative value as a medium of exchange.

Public Chapter 1092 took effect May 27, 2022.

### Public Chapter 1131

In pertinent part, Public Chapter 1131 exempts from sales tax the retail sale of food and food ingredients sold between Monday, August 1, 2022, and Wednesday, August 31, 2022. The sales tax holiday on food and food ingredients does not exempt sales from micro markets or vending machines or devices. Public Chapter 1130 appropriated a sum sufficient for the purpose of implementing Public Chapter 1131, relative to providing reimbursements to counties and municipalities for the loss of local tax revenues resulting from the provision of tax relief on the retail sale of food and food ingredients.

The section of Public Chapter 1131 concerning the sales tax holiday on food took effect July 1, 2022.

# Public Chapter 1143

Public Chapter 1143 created a waiver for the registration fee for a Class A or Class B motor vehicle upon the renewal of the motor vehicle's registration if the renewal occurs during the period of time beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. Under present law, Class A is motorcycles and autocycles, and the registration fee is \$ 16.75; and Class B is passenger motor vehicles and motor homes, and the registration fee is \$23.75. Public Chapter 1143 took effect July 1, 2022.

# APPENDIX "L"

## ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Public Chapter 1087 revises various provisions relative to ethics and campaign finance laws, as follows:

- (1) Public Chapter 1087 prohibits the registry of election finance and the Tennessee ethics commission from accepting a settlement in which the aggregate amount of assessed civil penalties exceeds \$25,000, unless the settlement proposal is considered at either a regular meeting or a special meeting called by the chair in which at least 24 hours' notice is given to each member of the applicable body and each party seeking a settlement proposal. If a special meeting is called, an agenda for the meeting must be placed on the applicable body's website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The agenda must include the style of the matters to be discussed, and the special meeting must be limited to consideration of the matters listed on the agenda. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 took effect May 27, 2022;
- (2) Public Chapter 1087 requires that each regular meeting agenda be published on the website of the registry of election finance, Tennessee ethics commission, or bureau of ethics and campaign finance, as applicable, at least five business days prior to the date of the meeting. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 took effect May 27, 2022;
- (3) Public Chapter 1087 deleted a prior law provision whereby a multicandidate political campaign committee other than a committee controlled by a political party on the national, state, or local level or by a caucus of such political party established by members of either house of the general assembly was prohibited from making a contribution to any candidate after the 10th day before an election until the day of the election. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 took effect May 27, 2022;
- (4) Public Chapter 1087 revises the provisions of law governing the contents of contribution and expenditure statements. Under current law, if neither the contributions received nor the expenditures made during the period for which the statement is submitted exceed \$1,000, then only a statement to that effect, and not individual contribution and expenditures, have to be included; if either were in excess of \$1,000, then information has to be given of each person who contributed, or to whom an expenditure was made, of a total of more than \$100 during the period for which the statement is submitted. Under Public Chapter 1087, candidates will have to report each expenditure regardless of the amount. Public Chapter 1087 also provides that, once a candidate's statement reaches \$2,000 of unitemized contributions for a statement period, any contribution received thereafter must be itemized, including contributions of less than \$100. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 takes effect January 16, 2023;
- (5) Current law requires the registry to conduct audits of candidates and committees of gubernatorial candidates who receive at least 10 percent of the vote at the general election, and candidates for general assembly and statewide judicial office on a random selection basis. If any candidate files a contribution statement with more than 30 percent of the candidate's contributions reported as unitemized contributions and such contributions total more than \$5,000, then the candidate's contributions are automatically subject to audit. Beginning with reports covering periods beginning on and after January 16, 2023, Public Chapter 1087 requires auditing of any candidate who files a contribution statement with more

than 30 percent of the candidate's contributions reported as unitemized contributions, regardless of the total amount of such contributions;

- (6) Public Chapter 1087 revised the provisions of law governing reporting within the 10 days before an election to add authorization for electronic delivery of the report; specify that the report must contain the information of each person and "political campaign committee" from whom the candidate or committee accepted a contribution, loan, or transfer; and revise the amounts that trigger the report requirement. Under prior law, the applicable contributions were those in excess of the following amounts: a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any state public office, \$5,000; or, a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any local public office, \$2,500. Under Public Chapter 1087, the applicable contributions are each one that, in the aggregate, equals or exceeds the following amounts: \$5,000 for a committee participating in the election of a candidate for any statewide office; \$3,000 for a committee participating in the election of a candidate for senate; and \$1,000 for a committee participating in the election of any other state or local public office. Public Chapter 1087 also requires reporting of obligations in those same amounts during those 10 days. Public Chapter 1087 requires that the reports filed with the registry of election finance be posted on the registry's website and that the reports filed with a county election commission be posted on the commission's website;
- (7) Public Chapter 1087 revised the provisions governing penalties for violations of the laws governing financial disclosure or contribution limits. Under prior law, for any civil penalty levied by the registry against a multicandidate political campaign committee for such a violation, the treasurer of the committee was personally liable for the penalty. Public Chapter 1087 revised such provision so that any person who directly controlled expenditures is personally liable for the penalty. However, for such a civil penalty levied against a multicandidate political campaign committee that named or certified one or more candidates as a treasurer or officer at the time an offense occurred, or was constructively controlled or directed by one or more candidates in the commission of an offense, the candidate, or candidates, and any person who directly controlled expenditures for the committee is personally liable for the penalty. Public Chapter 1087 prohibited the use of funds from a multicandidate political campaign committee to pay a civil penalty for a Class 2 offense;
- (8) Public Chapter 1087 revised provisions governing funds maintained in a separate segregated account. Under existing law, funds maintained in a separate segregated campaign account are not deemed to be the personal property of any candidate or other individual. Public Chapter 1087 added a requirement to maintain funds in a campaign account separate and segregated from other funds, including personal funds. A violation of such requirement is a Class 2 offense, and the violator will be subject to a civil penalty by the registry of not more than \$25.00 per day up to a maximum of not more than \$10,000. Additionally, a violation of such requirement may result in the account funds being subject to execution to satisfy debts or obligations of an individual;
- (9) Public Chapter 1087 added to existing law governing being designated as a political campaign committee for reporting purposes. Under current law, a corporation that uses corporate funds, moneys, or credits for communications expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate which funds, moneys, or credits are not used with the cooperation or with the prior consent of, or in consultation with, or at the request of, or suggestion of, a candidate or any agent or authorized committee of the candidate is considered a political campaign committee for purposes of reporting such expenditures. Public

Chapter 1087 added that a 501(c)(4),(5), or (6) tax-exempt organization will be deemed to be a political campaign committee for purposes of reporting expenditures (but not contributions) and filing an appointment of treasurer form if:

- (A) The organization expends an aggregate total of at least \$5,000 in organizational funds, moneys, or credits for communications that expressly contain the name or visually depict the likeness of a state or local candidate in a primary or general election; and
- (B) Such expenditures or communications occur within 60 calendar days immediately preceding a primary or general election in which the named or visually depicted candidate appears on the ballot;
- (10) Public Chapter 1087 added, in regard to current law for the senate and house appointed members to the registry of election finance, that if either the democratic or republican caucus does not appoint a member, as provided for in present law, within 60 days after receiving written notice of a vacancy from the registry or after receiving written notice of the expiration of a term from the registry, the appropriate speaker will appoint a democrat or republican, as applicable, to fill the vacancy or make the appointment. Public Chapter 1087 added a similar provision to current law governing appointments to the ethics commission, whereby the appropriate speaker will appoint a member if the applicable caucus fails to give the speaker a list of candidates within 60 days after receiving written notice of a vacancy;
- (11) Current law prohibits registry members, and members of such members' immediate families from engaging in certain activities (such as lobbying or holding state or local public office) during the registry member's tenure on the registry. Public Chapter 1087 extended the prohibition for one year after the member leaves the registry;
- (12) Public Chapter 1087 requires the registry to strive to complete and release its audit findings, in regard to audits of candidates for the general assembly and such candidates' committees (which audits occur during odd-numbered years), within such odd-numbered year or another odd-numbered year. Existing law requires all candidates and campaigns to retain copies of all checks, bank statements, and vendor receipts for two years after the date of the election to which the records refer, in order to comply with an audit. Public Chapter 1087 extended the requirement to political campaign committees and revised the list of materials to be retained to be checks, money orders, wire or account transfer statements, withdrawal statements, credit or debit statements, bank statements, vendor receipts, and other documentation directly resulting from a financial transaction involving the receipt or disbursement of any funds subject to disclosure;
- (13) Public Chapter 1087 requires a person or entity that contracts to pay a member of the general assembly or a staff person or employee of the general assembly a fee, commission, or other form of compensation, for the provision of campaign services, to disclose certain information (such as to whom the fee was paid and a description of the services rendered) to the ethics commission, in the same manner as information regarding consulting services are made to the ethics commission. Under current law, one such item of certain information is "the person to whom the fee was paid." Public Chapter 1087 expanded such item of certain information to require disclosure of the full names and identities of a person or other entity through which payment flowed to or from the person making the disclosure. Public Chapter 1087 requires that a copy of disclosures regarding campaign services submitted to the Tennessee ethics commission under this provision be sent by the commission to the registry of election finance. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 takes effect August 15, 2022;

- (14) Public Chapter 1087 requires a member of the general assembly or a staff person or employee of the general assembly who contracts to receive a fee, commission, or other form of compensation, for the provision of campaign services to a person or entity, the member, staff person, or employee to make the disclosures required under current law, currently applicable to contracts for consulting services. Public Chapter 1087 requires that a copy of any disclosure regarding campaign services submitted to the Tennessee ethics commission under this provision be sent by the commission to the registry of election finance. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 takes effect August 15, 2022;
- (15) Public Chapter 1087 increases, from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor, the penalty for knowingly failing to file a disclosure regarding consulting services, adds failure to file a disclosure regarding campaign services, and adds that it is also a Class A misdemeanor to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information on the disclosure form in regard to consulting or campaign services. These changes are applicable to the disclosures described above in (13) and (14). This provision of Public Chapter 1087 takes effect August 15, 2022;
- (16) Public Chapter 1087 added members of the governor's cabinet to the list of persons who are prohibited from receiving compensation for consulting services;
- (17) Public Chapter 1087 requires, beginning January 1, 2023, members of the general assembly and candidates for the general assembly to disclose, on the annual conflict of interest statement filed with the ethics commission, the name of any multicandidate political committee established or controlled by the member or candidate within the immediately preceding five years of the date of the disclosure;
- (18) Public Chapter 1087 specifies that chancellors, circuit court judges, criminal court judges, and judges of a state trial court of record must file the annual conflict of interest statement with the ethics commission;
- (19) Public Chapter 1087 added an affirmation to the annual conflict of interest statement stating the person is subject to the penalties of perjury for a false or incomplete disclosure statement and that the information is true, complete, and correct to the best of the signor's knowledge;
- (20) Public Chapter 1087 prohibits a candidate or political campaign committee, in soliciting and receiving a contribution from a person, from utilizing pre-checked or pre-marked boxes in a solicitation authorizing or requiring continuing future contributions to that candidate or committee from the credit card or another form of payment provided by the person from whom a contribution is requested. Such a request for a continuing future contribution from a potential contributor must be accepted and acknowledged in writing by the potential contributor in clear and precise language evidencing the intent of the contributor to authorize a continuing contribution. Such continuing contributions must not exceed the contribution limits established in current law. This provision of Public Chapter 1087 took effect May 27, 2022; and
- (21) Public Chapter 1087 requires that a multicandidate campaign committee have at least one person who directly controls expenditures. Public Chapter 1087 also requires a multicandidate political campaign committee that registers on or after July 1, 2022, to submit to the registry evidence of identification for each officer, person who directly controls expenditures, and treasurer. For multicandidate campaign committees in existence as of July 1, 2022, the committee must submit such required evidence of identification by January 31, 2023.

	Except as otherwise noted in this Summary, the provisions of Public Chapter 1087 took effect July 1,
2022.	

# APPENDIX "M"

#### PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

During its 2022 legislative session, the 112th General Assembly adopted two joint resolutions that propose to amend the Constitution of Tennessee. Senate Joint Resolution 55 was adopted by the 111th General Assembly and referred to the 112th General Assembly for further consideration. Having been approved by a two-thirds majority in the 2022 legislative session, pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the state constitution, the constitutional amendment proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 55 must be submitted to the voters in the 2022 general election. Senate Joint Resolution 913 was adopted and referred to the 113th General Assembly for further consideration, pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

### Senate Joint Resolution 55

Senate Joint Resolution 55 proposes to remove Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee, which provides that no minister of the gospel, or priest of any denomination whatsoever, shall be eligible to a seat in either house of the legislature

#### Senate Joint Resolution 913

Senate Joint Resolution 913 proposes to amend Article II, Section 31 of the Constitution of Tennessee, which presently provides that the credit of this State shall not be hereafter loaned or given to or in aid of any person, association, company, corporation or municipality: nor shall the State become the owner in whole or in part of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, corporation or municipality. Senate Joint Resolution 913 would add that, notwithstanding the present prohibition concerning this State's investments, the governing body or state official charged with carrying out the purpose or objectives of a fund or trust that is administered or invested by the state treasury and that contains state funds, in whole or in part, may adopt, with approval of the treasurer and the comptroller of the treasury, an investment policy to authorize all or part of such fund or trust to be invested such that the state would become an owner, in whole or in part, of any bank or a stockholder with others in any association, company, or corporation.

# APPENDIX "N"

## ABORTION "TRIGGER" LAW

In 2019, the 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly passed the "Human Life Protection Act" (Public Chapter 351 of 2019) to prohibit abortions in Tennessee with the exception of medical emergencies as discussed below. Public Chapter 351 of 2019 included an effective date of the 30th day after the earlier of: a judgment by the U.S. Supreme Court such that a prohibition on abortion by the states would be permissible; or adoption of an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that restores to the states the authority to prohibit abortion. On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in <a href="Dobbs v. Jackson">Dobbs v. Jackson</a>, (citation omitted), which held that "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

Under Public Chapter 351 of 2019, it is a Class C felony for a person to perform or attempt to perform an abortion. Public Chapter 351 of 2019 does not subject a pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed or attempted to criminal conviction or penalty.

It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under Public Chapter 351 of 2019 that:

- (1) The abortion was performed or attempted by a licensed physician;
- (2) The physician determined, in the physician's good faith medical judgment, based upon the facts known to the physician at the time, that the abortion was necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant woman or to prevent serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman. No abortion will be deemed authorized under this provision if performed on the basis of a claim or a diagnosis that the woman will engage in conduct that would result in her death or substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function or for any reason relating to her mental health; and
- (3) The physician performs or attempts to perform the abortion in the manner which, in the physician's good faith medical judgment, based upon the facts known to the physician at the time, provides the best opportunity for the unborn child to survive, unless in the physician's good faith medical judgment, termination of the pregnancy in that manner would pose a greater risk of the death of the pregnant woman or substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. No such greater risk will be deemed to exist if it is based on a claim or diagnosis that the woman will engage in conduct that would result in her death or substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function or for any reason relating to her mental health.

Public Chapter 351 of 2019 specifies that medical treatment provided to a pregnant woman by a licensed physician which results in the accidental death of or unintentional injury to or death of the unborn child is not a violation of Public Chapter 351 of 2019.